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### Initial OK Given To Maintenance Director & Rec. Director... Creation Of Recreation Commission Put On Hold By Town Council

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The search for a new Agawam director of Parks and Recreation could begin in as little as two weeks. The plan to create separate departments for Building Maintenance and Parks and Recreation survived its first test at the Monday, December 5th meeting of Town Council.

With a vote of 9 to 2, councilors approved the first of three required readings of the ordinance proposed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. The final two readings could come as early as the next council meeting on December 19th.

Councilors Edward A. Caba and Robert Danie voted against the ordinance.

According to Johnson, the upcoming retirement of Jack Kunasek, the present director of Municipal Buildings/Recreation, prompted the move to reorganize the department into separate departments.

#### Johnson Plans To Appoint Albino

During the public hearing held at Monday night's meeting, Johnson said he plans to appoint Anthony Albino, deputy director of Municipal Buildings/Town electrician, as the new Building Maintenance director. Johnson said Albino has neither the desire nor the training to oversee the Recreation Department.

Johnson's plan to conduct a regional search to fill the position of director of Parks and Recreation and the qualifications for the job as outlined in the Mayor's proposal came under fire from

Councilors Danie and Thomas Ennis.

The position will require a bachelor's degree in recreation management and three years of supervisory experience in a recreational capacity.

Danie said he objected to conducting a national search when Kunasek's assistant, Nancy Pryce, is interested in the job.

"She can apply, but on the educational criterion, she's not going to qualify," Danie said.

Danie said he feared the reorganization would "go down a path I don't want" (with the job going to someone from outside the town).

Ennis said, "I firmly believe in promoting from within. It helps with the morale of the troops."

Ennis went on to say that the Recreation Department had been running smoothly while Kunasek has been on a month's vacation.

"Mr. Kunasek has made it into a department that runs itself," Ennis added.

Johnson has been criticized for his policy of hiring the most qualified candidates to head up town departments, regardless of where they live (even though some councilors have urged that preference be given to Agawam residents).

**SEE COMMISSION ON HOLD -  
continued to Page 2...**



**LOCAL THESPIANS** Lyle Pearsons (left) and Margie Secora will be performing at the New Year's Eve celebration in Agawam.

### Town's New Year's Eve Again Packed With Many Family Activities

The Agawam Mid-Winter Night Committee has finalized plans for what promises to be nothing less than a spectacular family oriented New Year's Eve celebration.

Featured among an array of talented performances will be Ray Guillemette, who has been nationally recognized for his award-winning portrayal of Elvis Presley. Two performances of "A-Ray of Elvis" and his band, The Memphis Jam, will be held at St. John's Parish Hall beginning at 8:00 p.m.

This year's festivities will kick-off at 4:00 p.m. with the ever-popular children's production, Kit and Kaboodle, at Agawam Baptist Church. Horse and carriage rides along Main Street will begin at the same time and will continue throughout the evening.

A host of other performances will be featured, including magician Tom O'Brien, Agawam Repertory Theater, minstrel Mary Jo Maichack, Robert Rivest Mime Theater, Ambiance Wind Quartet, and musician and storyteller Roger Tincknell.

**SEE NEW YEAR'S EVE - Page 2...**

The Agawam Post Office will be offering extended hours for the holiday season.

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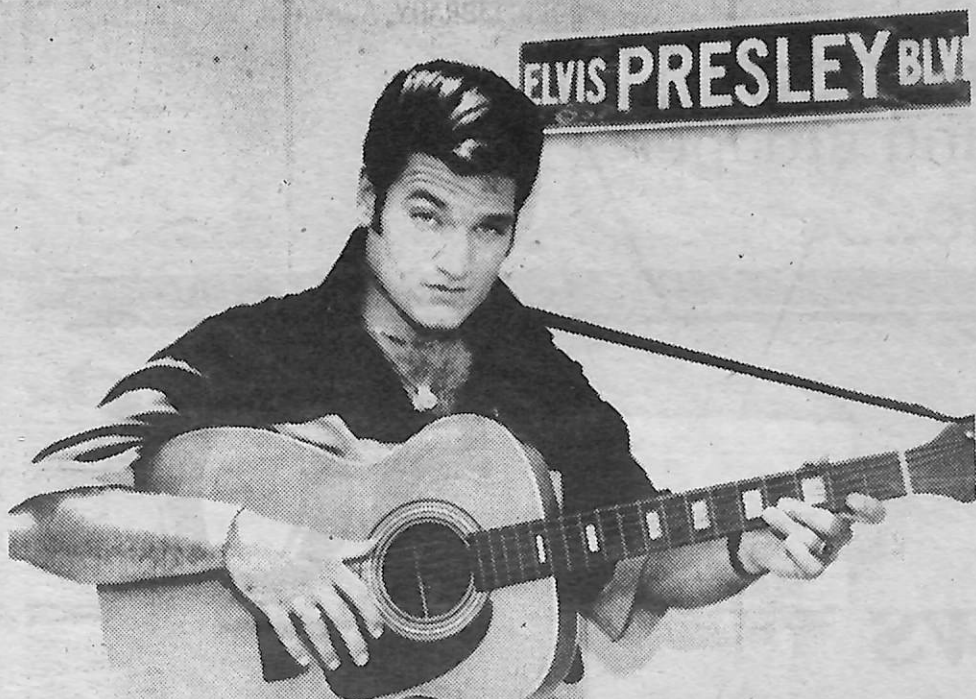
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### "The World's Largest Cannoli"



**THE OWNERS** of the new Torinese Italian Bakery in Feeding Hills Center, Michael Hebert (left) and Dana Murgita, sample what they dubbed as "The World's Largest Cannoli," a creation they made that weighed 65 pounds, eight ounces. The bakery held its official grand opening last Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ELVIS IMPERSONATOR Ray Guillemette, Jr., (above) and magician TOM O'BRIEN will be two of the entertainers at the town's New Year's Eve celebration.



## REC. COMMISSION ON HOLD - from Page 1...

### Councilors Table Johnson's Proposal

With Councilor Vivian Dziardziel the sole dissenter, the council tabled Johnson's proposal to establish a Recreation Commission to be made up of the director of Parks and Recreation, along with six Agawam voters to be appointed by the Mayor.

The council's action came after a lengthy discussion centering on the grievance procedure the commission would set up to deal with disputes between parents and the private athletic associations using the town's facilities.

Johnson said the town has been named as a party in a complaint filed with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) by a parent against one of the athletic associations. Johnson said a grievance resolution process would prevent disputes from getting to that point.

Danie said, "I personally don't want the commission looking over the shoulders of the associations."

Danie said the commission could become the "supreme court" that could deliver the "death penalty" of banning an association from using the town's facilities (if a board of directors would not back down from a dispute with a disgruntled parent).

Danie said the commission should include representatives from the athletic associations, but Councilor Jill Simpson disagreed.

"I don't want anyone on the board of the leagues on the Recreation Commission," Simpson said. "I want people in town to have a say in recreation programs."

Caba said he was disappointed that none of the people who had called him with concerns over the proposal attended the public hearing.

According to Johnson, the commission would formalize the agreements the athletic associations have with the town; set up a grievance process for dispute resolution; and ensure compliance with necessary rules and regulations on financial reporting and disclosure for non-profit organizations.

Johnson has said his reorganization plan will result in a savings for the town because three of the positions proposed have been downgraded to a lower pay scale.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE - from Page 1...

Performance sites will include the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Baptist Church, and St. John's Parish Hall. In addition, for a separate charge, a New Year's Eve dinner will be offered at the Senior Center by reservation at 5:30 p.m.

All performances (and carriage rides) are included in the price of Mid-Winter Night badges, which are \$4 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. Badges will be available in mid-December at the Senior Center, Town Hall, the Agawam Public Market, E.B.'s Restaurant, and the Agawam Library.

In order to maintain the high quality of entertainment and to ensure affordable family prices, the committee has once again enlisted the help of area business and community leaders. To date, sponsorship pledges have been received from the Agawam Rotary Club, Forastiere Funeral Homes, Inc., Rep. Richard Neal, the Agawam Jr. Women's Club, State Senator, Linda J. Melconian, and the law firm of Bonavita, Gordon, Danie, and Walsh, P.C.

For further information, contact Richard Mundo, 786-0400, ext. 242.

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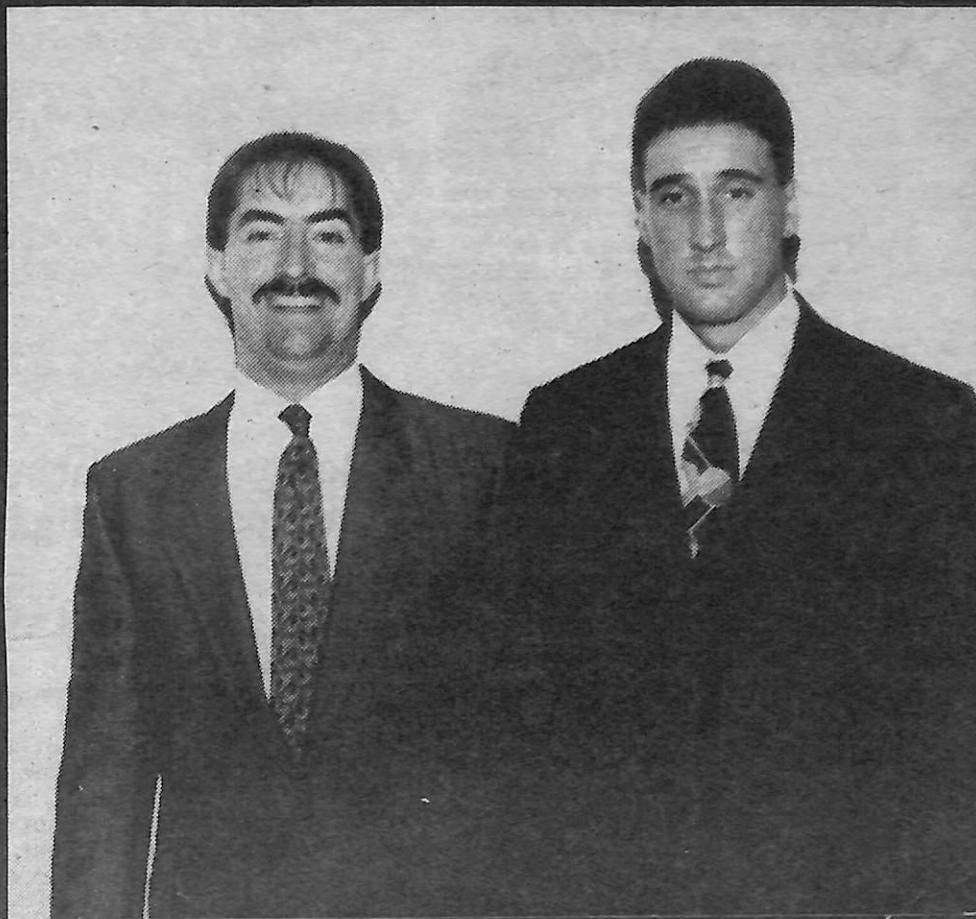
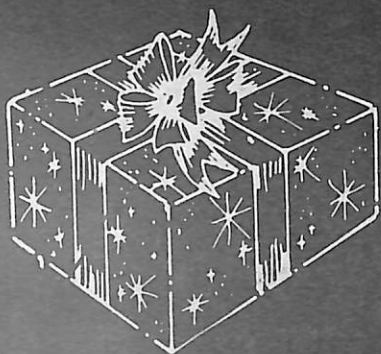
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## Letters To The Editor

### Children Should "Hold Their Own" Against Peer Pressure

#### To The Editor:

Do you know that at 12 years of age, Jesus was in the temple discussing with doctors of the law, challenging them and, above all, "holding His own"? The key statement here is that He was holding His own. This surprised these authorities.

Children today should be encouraged to hold their own when confronted by their peers. But no youth can do so unless he/she has a sense of security and self-confidence.

Where best can our youth cultivate this sense of assurance which will enable them to stand on their own and, without the drill of special programs, say "no" to such vices as drugs, premature sex indulgence, and/or involvement in violence?

I offer these suggestions:

1. Parents, especially fathers, are given the privilege of becoming symbols of strength, steadiness, stamina, and characters, which represent some of the highest expressions of physical wholeness and soundness in the individual life. God has ordained it that children have the privilege of admiring and emulating these qualities very early in life. I always wanted to be as strong as my father; in his 94th years, he still gives me reason to admire the life that he followed to this day.

2. The counterpart to this life is the sense of responsibility and commitment to do what is right. It is not by accident that many middle-aged and youth adults search Him out for advice and

direction in terms of crisis.

3. Mingled with these qualities is the expression of genuine love; not "namby pamby" love that gives a child all that it wants whenever it cries or fusses, but the love that teaches, corrects, directs, chooses, and reproves.

4. In all these, we communicate to children at home what the inevitabilities of life are ... that the God whom our character and lifestyle reflect also loves them, but is firm, steady, and strong in His expectation of us. He shows us love, but God is the one always in authority, wherever we are—not our peers.

We, therefore, stand for what we believe in as taught by home and church.

R.B.A. Telemaque

Pastor, Agawam United Methodist Church

### Thanks To Everyone For Cards To Sam Provo

#### To The Editor:

We, the family of Sam Provo, wish to thank everyone for the cards and visits that Sam is getting.

It's a long process recovering from a stroke, but each day we see some improvement.

Sam is in the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation.

Bill & Mary Provo  
Agawam

### Chicago Bulls Jacket Disappears At High School

#### To The Editor:

On Monday, November 28th, someone went home from the High School with a Chicago Bulls jacket that was stolen from a locker belonging to my granddaughter.

This was a Christmas present last year and the only winter jacket she had.

Now her mother will give up her only jacket that she had and wear a lighter one.

Have a Merry Christmas.

I know that this letter will not do any good, but I just have to get it off my chest.

Thank you,  
Nancy Darbe  
Agawam

## Agawam Obituaries

### Katarzyna Sroka

Katarzyna "Katherine" (Panek) Sroka, 97, of 85 Mazarin Street, Indian Orchard, an inspector for many years at the Cromwell Mills in Indian Orchard, died December 1, 1994 at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

She retired in 1960. She was the lone survivor of the original Golden Agers of Indian Orchard and a communicant of Immaculate Conception Church. She was the wife of the late John Sroka, who died in 1964.

She leaves a son, John Sroka, of Springfield; two daughters, Jennie Mathy of Chebanse, Illinois and Helen Bobicki of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was held at Orchard Funeral Home and in the church, with burial at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Indian Orchard.

Donations may be made in her memory to Pioneer Valley Hospice, Inc., P.O. Box 51946, Springfield, MA 01151-5946 or to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

### Robert Andruss

Robert Andruss, 60, of 16 Liberty Street, Feeding Hills, a sales representative for Coca-Cola Co. in Springfield for more than 17 years, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked recently for the Agawam School Department, and retired last year. He was a basketball coach for the Agawam Athletic Association.

He leaves his wife, the former Marie Ann DeMaio; a son, Frank J. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Debra M. Marquiss of West Springfield and Lori Andruss-Boyle of Feeding Hills; a brother, Eugene of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Cecelia Guidetti of Agawam and Elizabeth Rowley of East Longmeadow; his father- and mother-in-law, Frank and Caroline DeMaio; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, all in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may go to the Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104, or Brightside, 2112 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089.

## Fire Wise

### by Fire Chief David Pisano Holiday Fire Safety

We think of the holidays as happy times, a chance to celebrate with family and friends. The Agawam Fire Department wants to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season, and offers the following suggestions to keep your holiday safe:

- When purchasing a live tree, look for the following signs of freshness. A fresh tree is green. Needles will be hard to pull from branches when bent between your fingers. Fresh needles don't break if bounced on the ground, and a minimum number of needles should fall off.

- To keep your tree fresh, cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better absorption of water; keep stored outside the house till you're ready to decorate; and keep the stand filled with water.

- When placing your tree, make sure it is kept away from sources of heat (like fireplaces or heat vents) and out of the way of traffic.

- Check out your lights before placing them on the tree. Look for worn or frayed wires and broken bulbs. Make sure you do not overload extension cords.

- Take care when using candles. Keep them away from other flammable decorations. Place them where they cannot be knocked over or reached by children. Do not leave lit candles in an unattended room.

- Make sure your smoke detectors are working properly. If you'll be traveling to visit family and you're not sure if they have a smoke detector, take one with you.

Remember, fires don't take a holiday, and by taking some precautions, you and your family can celebrate a fire-safe holiday.

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## Melconian Blasts Mass. House For Delay On Insurance Reform

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has sharply criticized the Massachusetts House of Representatives and its leadership for not taking up the Melconian auto insurance package that would bring a mandated 10-percent savings to consumers of Massachusetts, repeal the current no-fault system, and phase in competition.

"The Senate acted responsibly last January in passing a comprehensive auto insurance overhaul. For 11 months, the House has refused to act. The Senate bill has languished in the House Clerk's Office so long, it must be growing gray whiskers," retorted Melconian.

Apparently, the House leadership has bought the industry's game plan to yield to a minuscule rate increase instead of real auto insurance rate reform. This strategy will not accomplish the same goals as the Melconian legislation that calls for a complete overhaul of the present system.

"A minimal rate increase for the 1995 policy year will not help people in Western Massachusetts. The industry's requested rate increase, coupled with the Division of Insurance's territory increase, means no bottom-line savings for my constituents' policies," stated Melconian.

"Every city and town in my district, along with another 146 other cities and towns across the Commonwealth, will have territory changes. Each community's increase will be one step up, which represents a six-percent on average for auto insurance premiums. This must stop!"

She continued, "I have long advocated a total restructuring of Massachusetts' archaic system of auto insurance. Until we abolish the territorial flattening of the rates; use instead the individual driver's experience; eliminate no-fault for personal injury; and phase in competition like every other state, we will not see cost savings for the auto consumers of Massachusetts. With competition, we will encourage more insurance companies to write policies in Massachusetts. Massachusetts' Division of Insurance must stop totally regulating the system and let competition drive the rates down for good drivers.

"I am disappointed in my House colleagues

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and livid with the House leadership. By not acting on auto insurance reform this year, they have shown us that they have played the insurance industry's game and swallowed its bait—hook, line, and sinker. History has shown us that any meaningful insurance reform has caught its death in the House of Representatives.

"In the waning days of this legislative year, I im-

plore all of you to speak out on this issue; call your friends, call your representative, contact the House leadership, and loudly state your outrage to the House's unwillingness to address this issue which directly affects your pocketbook.

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# Campbell's First Six Months As Chief Focused On Completing Short-Term Goals

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Framed diplomas compete for wall space with his wife Marianne's needlework in the office he's made his own since taking over from retired Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski last May.

Family portraits compete with books on law enforcement topics for space on the credenza. Plaques from civic organizations, a congratulatory plaque from the detective bureau honoring his appointment as chief, and a plaque commemorating his grandfather's career as a constable hang on the wall above.

Of all the memorabilia surrounding him, Police Chief Robert D. Campbell seems most proud to point out the turn of the century photo of his grandfather in his constable's uniform and the plaque containing a photo of Frank H. Campbell, his wife, Theresa, and the badge he wore for many years as an elected constable.

Campbell said his grandfather's badge was number three to signify he had come in third in the town election.

Before the town organized a modern police department in the 1930's, constables were elected to serve as the town's law enforcement officers.

Six months into his tenure as Agawam's top cop, Campbell sat down with *The AAN* to take stock of his accomplishments so far and to discuss his future goals for the Police Department.

## Ziegert Case A Priority

The unsolved 1992 murder of Lisa Ziegert remains a priority with every lead, no matter how obscure, being investigated.

"We still feel that information can come to our attention that will solve this case and we don't want to be asleep at the switch when that happens," Campbell said.

The investigation is on-going in cooperation with state police officers assigned to the District Attorney's office.

Asked to define his role as the chief, Campbell said, "My role is to make sure the resources of this department are utilized to the best advantage. I set the tone, policies, and procedures."

Spending most of his first six months working on short-term goals, Campbell said, "You have to take aim at a few issues, otherwise you never get anything done."

Using funds from the state's Tobacco Grant Program, Campbell was able to implement a DARE Program at the town's Perry Lane summer camp. DARE Officer Donald Gallerani spent one day each week at the camp interacting with the children and reinforcing his anti-drug message in an informal setting.

"When Officer Gallerani showed up in a t-shirt and basketball sneakers, it strengthened the bond he already had with most of the kids," Campbell said. "He's no stranger to them."

Hoping to expand the DARE Program into the Junior High School, Campbell is writing a grant to fund a part-time position for the program. Officers Richard Niles and Wayne Macey have been recertified as DARE instructors should the grant come through.

Gallerani has been selected to serve as a mentor for other officers in the state-wide DARE Program. "It's quite a credit to Agawam to have somebody chosen as a mentor to teach officers," Campbell said.

In addition to using tobacco grants to benefit the children of Agawam, Campbell brought a smoking cessation program to the Police Department and would like to repeat the program to include the Fire Department as well as other town employees.



POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL

Sympathizing with anyone trying to quit, Campbell said he kicked the habit "two years and 35 pounds ago."

## Safety Officer Position Restored

In September, Campbell restored the position of safety officer as a liaison between the Police and School Departments. In order to better coordinate their efforts in the town's schools, the DARE officer has been placed under the supervision of the safety officer, Campbell said.

In keeping with his philosophy of community policing, Campbell arranged for a training seminar in June on community and interpersonal relations for his officers.

"A lot of times we need that wake up call to say we're not so far apart from the people we work with and the community we serve," Campbell said. "Programs like this lessen the distance between us and the public. Sometimes we can be perceived as unapproachable and that's not the image I want."

As he has stated in the past, Campbell reiterated his position that community policing is not tied to a specific program, but is a philosophy of outreach to the community by the Police Department.

Campbell said he is researching area communities, particularly Northampton and Amherst (known for progressive ideas on community policing), in an effort to "pick everybody's brains" to gather ideas that might work for Agawam.

As part of that effort, a walking post has been reinstituted at Walnut Street Extension to eliminate the anonymity of an officer in a police

cruiser.

By interacting with the shoppers and merchants he encounters while walking his 4:00 p.m. to midnight shift, Officer Brian O'Connor is bringing a more personal police presence back to Agawam, said Campbell.

Having walked that beat himself in his early days on the force, Campbell knows firsthand the benefits of being on a first-name basis with the community.

"I've had very positive feedback from the business owners in the area," Campbell said.

## Computerized Record Keeping System

By June 1995, the department should be on-line with a computerized record keeping system that will give it the ability to track crime statistics, assess manpower needs more efficiently, and provide officers on the street with instant access to information stored in the system.

"This will be a big leap for the Agawam Police Department to go on-line," Campbell said.

With funding for the software already approved by the Town Council, the specifications for the hardware have been rewritten to take advantage of new technologies. Campbell said the final bid has been delayed while grant funding is being sought.

"I want to make sure I've exhausted every avenue of state funding," Campbell said. "If I can come up with the funds, it's worth the wait."

Work is currently underway at police headquarters to bring enhanced 911 emergency service to town.

Targeted for completion in February, the system will provide the police dispatcher with an address for every 911 call coming into the station from an Agawam telephone.

Campbell said the system will be most important in helping people who call under highly-stressful situations and hang up before giving the pertinent information to the dispatcher.

Campbell said his research into crime-related issues surrounding the casino gambling debate was hampered by the lack of information and by the difficulty of getting police officials in areas where isolated gambling venues exist to speak candidly. Gambling venues outside of Las Vegas and Atlantic City are so new, he said, it was difficult to gather crime statistics and the FBI Uniform Crime Report (considered law enforcement's "Bible") only reports on eight crimes, not all pertaining to casino gambling, Campbell said.

In the long term, Campbell is reviewing policies and procedures in place with updated information from the Massachusetts Police Institute and is working on issues related to the federally-funded crime bill (designed to put more officers on the street).

"I have to be very careful in making a request," Campbell said. Ultimately, the town will be responsible to fund the new positions when the federal funds run out.

Currently working on the budget for fiscal 1996, Campbell gave few details of what he will be requesting when his budget is submitted to the Mayor. Campbell said he will be looking to replace some of the vehicles used by the Detective Bureau and his is assessing the need for 4 wheel drive vehicles and motorcycles.

After six months as chief, Campbell said it was still great to come to work on Mondays.

"The cooperation I've had from the men and women who work here has been what's made my transition a smooth one," Campbell said. "It's not often I have the opportunity to give them a collective thanks," Campbell said.

## Ag. Planning Board's Dec. 15th Agenda

The following are items to appear on the Agawam Planning Board's December 15, 1994 agenda:

1. VOTE TO APPROVE - Street Acceptance Plan - Yarmouth Drive

2. DISCUSSION - Revised Definitive Plan - Spear Farm - Barry Street

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## Housing Authority Receives Grant For Capital Improvements

Robert Watson, Chairman, and Phyllis Mason, Executive Director of the Agawam Housing Authority have been informed that the Authority will be receiving Capital Improvement Grants in excess of \$391,000 from the State of Massachusetts' Executive Office of Communities and Development to modernize much needed improvements to its public housing stock.

Included in these grants is to be funding to update the hot water system at Brady Village, new roofs for Brady Village, new roofs for Colonial Haven, new windows for Meadowbrook Manor and the removal of an abandoned underground oil tank at Brady Village.

A grant of approximately \$15,000 will also be awarded to design the upgrade of bathrooms at Brady Village. Money to do the actual bathroom work will have to come from another round of funding in the future. In addition to the above, an award will be received to determine whether lead paint exists at Brady Village.

This Housing Authority applied earlier this year for 24 areas of modernization work which need attention in all of our housing developments and will be funded for seven of the requests. While the Housing Authority wishes that all 24 requests could have been funded, they understand that the State received over 2,100 such requests from 193 Housing Authorities throughout the state. To fund all would have cost the Commonwealth \$220 million.

Chairman Watson emphasized the need for this funding due to the fact that no modernization funds have been available from the state to Housing Authorities since 1987. It is expected that the actual funding and work will begin in approximately six months.

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## Town Urges Caution With Wood Stoves During Cold Months

As colder months approach, people of Western Massachusetts will once again start consuming firewood to heat their homes. If you choose to use a wood burning stove to heat your home, there are several precautions you should take when purchasing firewood, so says Inspector Tim Reardon of the Agawam Weights & Measures Department.

By following these suggestions, consumers can improve their chances of receiving the correct amount of firewood for the money spent.

1) Always pay for the wood with a check, money order, or certified bank check. On the back of the check, just above the signature line, write: For payment of — cubic feet of firewood. This acts as a receipt clearly stating the quantity of firewood purchased, and the amount paid.

2) Insist that a written receipt be issued for the sale of wood (required by law). Included in the receipt should be: a) Names of the buyer and seller; b) Address of the buyer and seller; c) Date of the transaction; d) The quantity of wood delivered in cubic feet or cubic meters; e) Total cost of delivered wood.

3) Make a written record of the license plate number.

4) Do not give away or use any of the wood before it has been measured.

5) If wood is being considered as a principle source of heat, consumers should determine if wood is cost effective. For instance, fuel oil costing 75 cents per gallon will deliver one million BTU's of usable heat for \$6.69 (assuming 80 percent annual efficiency).

High quality hardwood costing \$100 per 128 cu. ft. will cost \$6.67 (2 cents less) for the same usable heat if burnt in a modern, state of the art, high efficiency stove. The same wood burnt in an older "Franklin type" stove may cost in excess of \$10 per million BTU's.

Conventional, low cost fuels, including fuel oil and natural gas may end up costing less than firewood. In addition to the cost factor, consumers should consider the additional work, mess, and potential danger from fire that burning wood poses.

### THE METHOD OF SALE

According to tradition, firewood has always been measured in terms of "cords." A "cord" is defined by Webster as a unit of wood cut for fuel equal to a stack 4x4x8 or 128 cubic feet. Contrary to tradition, in Massachusetts, the term "cord" is recognized as an illegal form of measurement.

It is illegal to sell any firewood using the term "cord," "face cord," "thrown cord," "trunk load," "truck load," "wagon load," "pile," "row," "rack," or terms of similar import. Firewood shall only be measured in terms of cubic feet or cubic meters of closely stacked firewood.

SEE WOOD STOVES - continued to Page 10...

## Melconian Says State & Turnpike Authority Agree On Networking

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, today joined Governor William F. Weld, MassPike Chairman Allan R. McKinnon, and Secretary of Economic Affairs Gloria Larson to announce an agreement between the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and the Commonwealth, which allows public sector agencies and institutions use of the MassPike's state-of-the-art fiber optic telecommunications network at no cost.

The agreement was signed by Governor Weld, Chairman McKinnon, and Secretary Larson at a ceremony held in the State Transportation Building Library in Boston.

Melconian commended MassPike's efforts, stating, "Massachusetts continues to live up to its heritage as a pioneer in telecommunications with this trailblazing effort to move our state into the 21st Century. This agreement can serve a model for other states to emulate."

"Western Massachusetts will directly benefit from expanded access to this cutting edge technology. State educational institutions like Springfield Technical Community College and UMass Amherst are positioned to take full advantage of the endless world of innovative possibilities opened up by the MassPike agreement. We are providing the building blocks to develop projects that will fuel an economic renaissance, not only in Central and Western Massachusetts, but throughout the Commonwealth," said Melconian.

"The business communities in Central and Western Massachusetts are also very excited about the proposal for a Massachusetts Center for Telecommunications and Information Technology to be located in the Pioneer Valley.

The Center would capitalize on the fiber optic infrastructure already in place in Springfield to transform the region's economy," added Melconian.

The Center's initiatives would include a cable television facility and distance learning projects, including the joint venture between Springfield and the Province of Alberta, a tie-in with the Department of Defense Training Center to be located in Southbridge, and planned projects sponsored by Springfield Technical Community College and UMass Amherst.

MassPike's fiber optic network, which is expected to be fully operational in 1995, will provide clearer, nearly error-free transmission, making it preferable to traditional copper wire or satellite transmissions. Public entities, such as state education facilities, town and city halls, libraries, and court houses will now be able to send and receive high quality and high speed voice, video, and data communications.

## Agawam Crime Prevention...

## Lisa Ziegert Case Still Tops The Agenda For Police Department

by Detective Wayne Macey  
Agawam Police Department

I'm sure that Lisa Ziegert's tragic death remains on everyone's mind, especially during this holiday season. Although more than two-and-a-half years have passed, the events surrounding the homicide continue to haunt people not only from Agawam, but from all over Western Massachusetts.

It is difficult to write about this case, mainly because of the fact that it is yet unsolved. Efforts must be made to preserve the integrity of the investigation and prevent compromise of the evidence.

All of the above notwithstanding, please know that we have Lisa not only on our minds, but on our agenda. Her murder is, as it always has been, priority one. We continue to receive information on an almost daily basis.

Phone calls, teletypes, notes, and reports from officers on the streets, and constant communications from state police and the F.B.I. are an ever-present reminder that our job is not finished. The "Unsolved Mysteries" program remains committed to assisting us in the investigation and remains in touch by phone and mail.

Inquiries from "America's Most Wanted" have also been received and they have expressed an interest in the case. In addition, people continue to walk into the station with information regarding something they or just something on their mind.

While all of these avenues of information have yet to produce the anticipated result, it is most certainly proof positive of the interest and effort being put forth on behalf of a concerned citizenry. It must also be understood that rumors continue to circulate, also on a daily basis. We do our best to address these rumors at the source and assure people that the investigation follows a logical, common sense pattern.

Suspects are slowly developed over a period of time. Facts and circumstances are considered, witness information is collected and, finally, suspects are interviewed and interrogated. Where there is reason to suspect, we continue to investigate. We are a law enforcement body, dedicated to the protection of life and property, and as such, our search for justice for Lisa and her family will continue.

In closing, let me just say that we more than appreciate the support shown us by the Ziegert family. Their strength is a tribute to families everywhere, and must surely be God given. It is with their hope and inspiration that we will most certainly solve this case.

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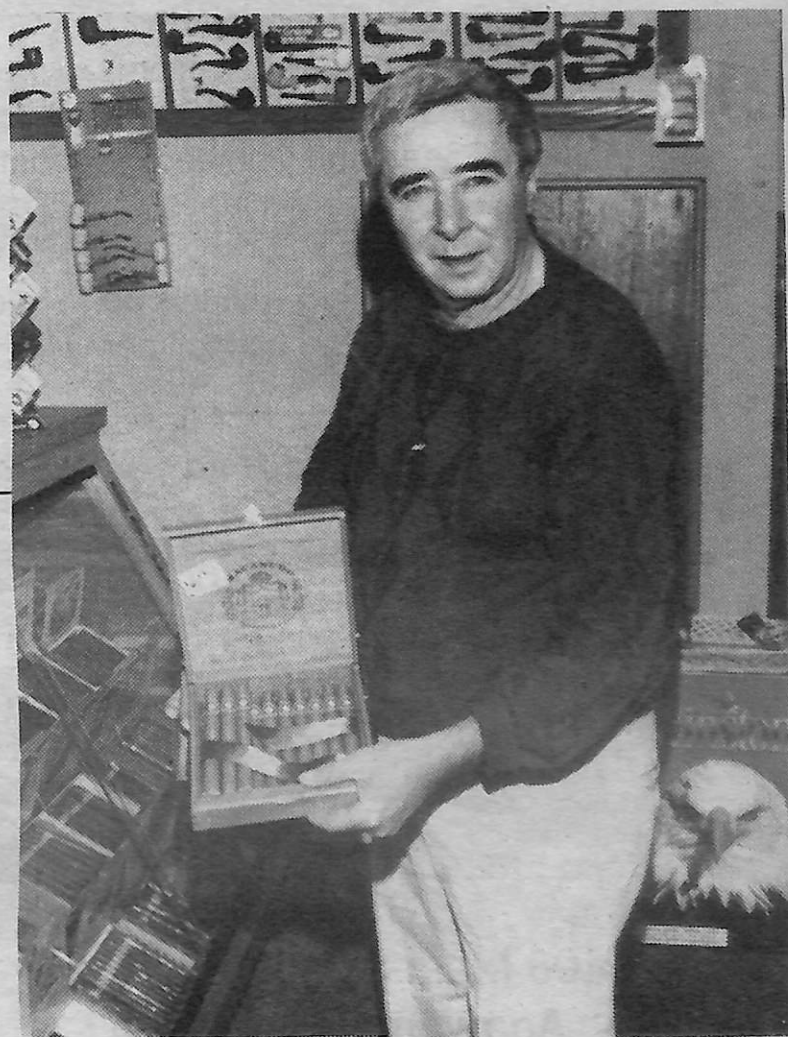
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## Looking Back...

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#### DECEMBER 13th - SIXTEEN CANDIDATES LATE IN FILING

Politicians here apparently aren't taking the law seriously which requires them to file statements of their campaign expenditures - only about half of the candidates have filed. Interestingly enough, most of those who have already filed have something of the magician about them. They apparently managed to have several mailings during their campaigns without buying any stamps. Candidates had 30 days after the November 6th election in which to file.

#### DECEMBER 13th - RIVERSIDE PARK BEATS FUEL PINCH

If the gas shortage gets much worse, perhaps we can do what Edward Carroll, manager of Riverside Park, did during the depth of World War II: modify vehicles to run on bottled gas. Carroll and his engineer claim that the vehicles, three automobile carriers modified to carry people, transported loads with more efficiency and power than when run on gasoline.

Vernon A. Trigger, the engineer, was asked by Carroll whether he thought something could be done to operate a people carrier on something other than gasoline. Trigger said he thought something could be done and he retreated to the engineering section of the public library for

research. Trigger worked up the calculations for a modified carburetor and the Kay L. Miller Co. prepared the models.

After much work on the preparations of both the carburetors and the auto carriers, they proceeded to try out the motor. The engine started smoothly, accelerated well, went for about five miles, then died. The gas coming out of the carburetor was freezing up "like frost on the coils of a refrigerator." Another engineer took the tubing from a home hot water heater and lines. The engine never stopped from that day forward. Butane gas was used.

#### DECEMBER 17th - BUILDING BOOM BURIES AGAWAM

New homes are being built so rapidly here - at a rate of one a day - that the Building Department has run out of permit applications and the town has run into trouble, according to Building Inspector Joseph J. Conte. "We've already run out of our 18-month supply (500) based on last year's need, and I've ordered 1,000 more," said Conte.

In the major growth areas, the southwest section of Feeding Hills, Granger Elementary School is already overcrowded and sewer facilities nonexistent. The second center, the Adams/Silver Street area, which has three large projects under way, is better prepared since the area already has both town water and sewer facilities.

Conte said he has issued a total of 555 building permits to date this year - 328 of them to single family homes, beaking all previous records. New construction in Agawam this year compares to 178 total permits issued in Westfield, about 98 in West Springfield, and nine in Holyoke, according to a telephone survey by Conte last week. Records show that home construction valuation totaled \$3.7 million in 1971, \$3.6 million in 1972, and approximately \$7.6 million to date this year.

## Curran Family Slates Holiday Service Of Remembrance In Dec.

The holiday season is a time for remembering and a time for recapturing the joys of our fondest memories. Inspired by our own recollections of Christmas, we reflect upon age-old messages of love, hope, and peace.

We at Curran-Jones know this may be a very difficult time for families who are spending their holidays without the presence of a loved one. With this in mind, Richard J. Curran and Joseph D. Curran, owners and operators of the Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of West Springfield and Agawam, and The Edward F. Day Funeral Home of Holyoke, announce their "Holiday Service of Remembrance."

They, along with their staff, have organized a Remembrance Tree and Service to be held at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home located at 109 Main Street in West Springfield on Saturday, December 10th, at 2:00 p.m.

Following with tradition, the Curran family has made a donation to Brightside in memory of all we have serviced. Our commitment to Brightside and belief that children are the bright side of Christmas, has inspired us to remember you and your loved ones at this special time at year. All that respond to the Currans' invitation will receive a personalized Brightside Angel.

A short memorial service will be conducted by local clergymen as well as the Lighting of our Christmas Wreath. Once again, Priscilla Hindmarsh, a bereavement facilitator for the local area will be sharing her comments. We hope her words will help you to find the love, hope, peace, and serenity of Christmas that will live forever—not only in presence, but in spirit.

The Curran family and staff are very proud of their "Holiday Service of Remembrance" and hope you will join us for this special ceremony.

**Please remember that our deadline is Tuesday at noon.**

#### WOOD STOVES - from Page 8...

If the consumer feels he or she has received less firewood than agreed on, there are a few key steps to verify its measurement. First, do not use or give away any of the firewood. Next, tightly stack the wood in rows. You are now ready to measure each row, and record its length, width, and height. It may be necessary to take an average of the measurements (length, width, and height).

The volume can now be calculated by multiplying the average length times the average width times the average height. Make sure to use a common unit of measure (ie; a foot) when making calculations.

If Agawam consumers feel they have been given less firewood than agreed upon, they may

contact Mr. Reardon at the Agawam Weights and Measures Department, 786-0400, ext. 232. Persons outside Agawam should call their local Weights & Measures official, or the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs.

If a Weights and Measures inspector is sent to investigate the complaint, all material involved in the transaction must be presented to the official for measurement. The Inspector may require the buyer to sign a statement indicating all materials delivered are available for measure, under penalty of perjury. If any wood has been given away or used, the consumer has forfeited their opportunity to pursue a complaint.

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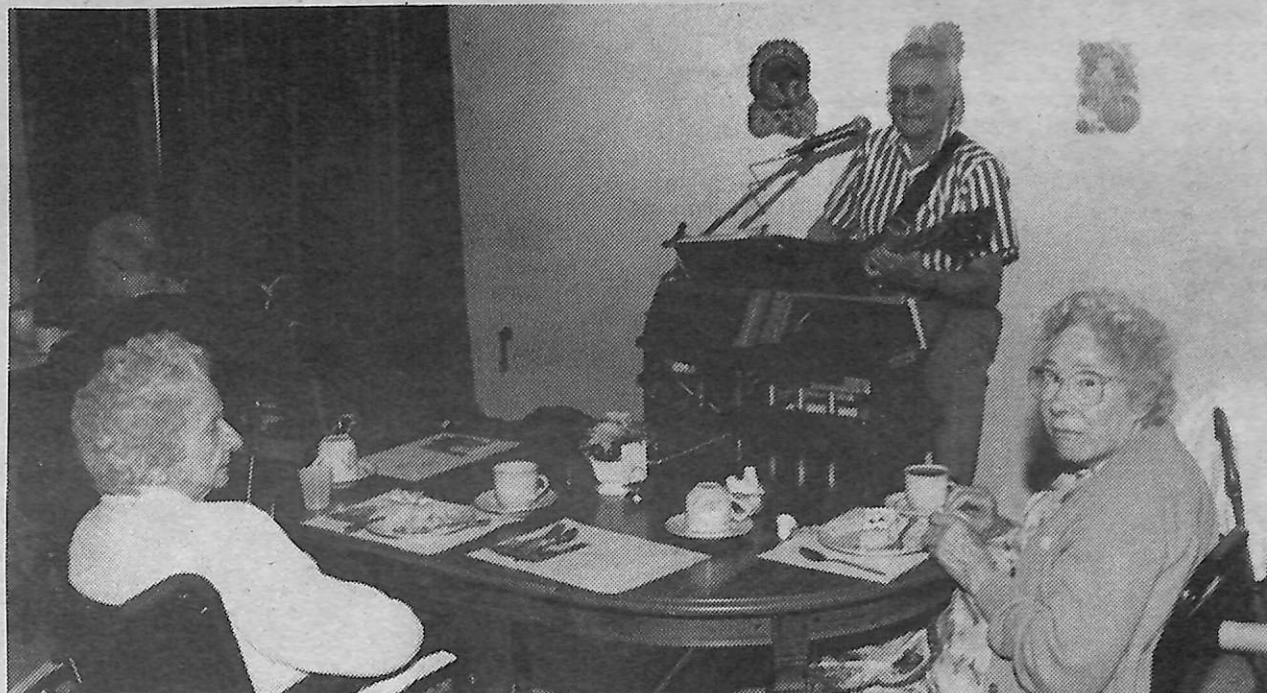
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## Families

### Activities At Heritage Hall Nursing Home



A THANKSGIVING TEA was held at Heritage Hall Nursing Home (North Building) on November 23rd. Providing the entertainment was Sam Fern. Looking on are residents Elizabeth Bissonette and Asenath Merrill. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PAINTING INSTRUCTOR Ted Crowley (center) assists George Breault and Pauline Gibbs, each residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home (East Building), with the art projects. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Slates Holiday Breakfast

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce will be having its annual 1994 Holiday Breakfast at the Oaks Banquet House on Wednesday, December 14th, starting at 7:45 a.m.

There will be a special guest presentation by Mr. Dick Garvey of the *Springfield Union News*, as well as special door prizes. Chez Josef of Agawam will also be presented a citation for being awarded this year's "Small Business of the Year" honor by Mayor Christopher Johnson.

The cost for tickets is \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling Jean Falk at the chamber at 787-1555 by Monday, December 12th. You may also wish to bring a door prize.

Chamber breakfasts are great for networking and having a good time. Any business is welcome.

### Friends Of Senior Ctr. Seeks New Members

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center is currently conducting its annual membership drive for 1995.

"Friends" is a nonprofit organization which dedicates its efforts to benefit Agawam's seniors and the Senior Center.

During the current year, "Friends" held its first pancake breakfast. Proceeds from the event went towards the purchase of a large screen video projector for the Senior Center. The projector was showcased at the annual FRIENDS/COA dinner held in November.

Membership is open to all Agawam residents, regardless of age. Interested persons may sign up at the Senior Center or may contact Joanne Willis at 789-1360 for further information.

### Hour Of Prayer, Song At Dominican Nuns

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, December 18th, at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

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# AHS Class Of 1984 Holds 10th Reunion



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1984 gathered for their 10-year reunion at Shaker Farms Country Club on Saturday, November 26th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THOSE AGAWAM HIGH 1984 classmates who traveled the furthest to attend the 10-year reunion included, from left - Steve Jury, Maryland; Michelle Rolland Fisher, North Carolina; Janet Mallory Carter, Alaska; Liz Doran Ward, Maryland; and Anna Vandervilet, Virginia. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL 1984 reunion committee members, from left - Ed Borgatti, Cathy Sheehan, Sophia Maynard, Ty Hanson, and Tom Hanson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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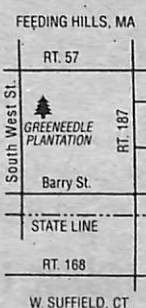
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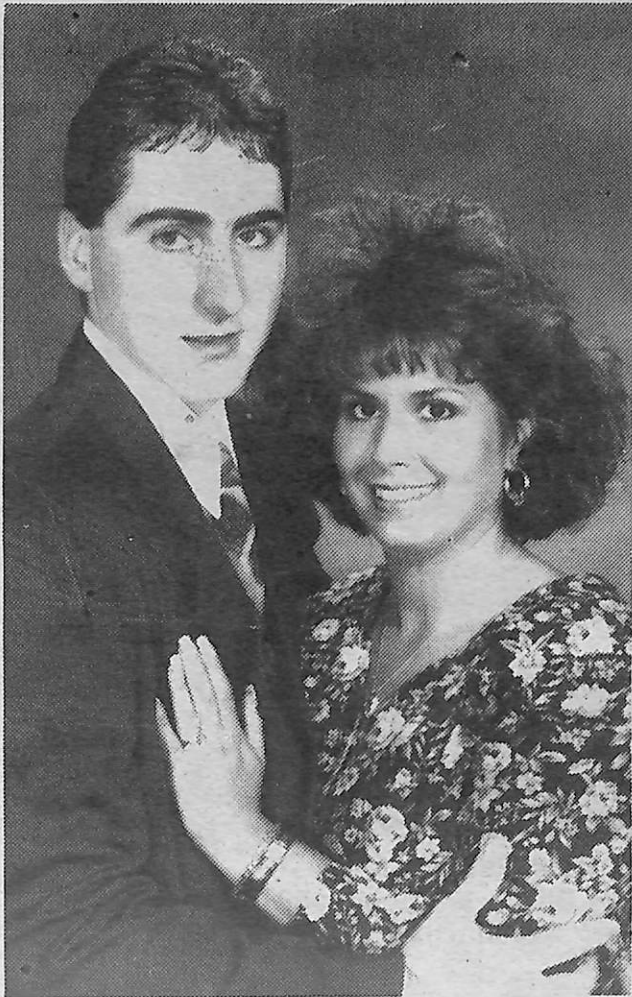
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The future bridegroom is the son of Susan Hall of Agawam and Daniel DiDonato of Feeding Hills.

The future bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College. She is presently attending Westfield State College and is the manager at 202 Liquors in Holyoke.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School. He is employed by Mt. Tom Box Co. in West Springfield.

A May 20, 1995 wedding is planned.

## Bereavement Support Being Provided By Forastiere Family

*Forastiere's OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow,* support groups for anyone in the community who is grieving the death of a loved one, are offered every month by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

As an extension of their professional funeral services, the Forastiere's provide several different kinds of support groups to meet the individual needs of the bereaved.

A support group FOR ANYONE GRIEVING A DEATH will be held on Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, in Agawam.

A support group FOR THOSE WHOSE SPOUSE DIED OVER 18 MONTHS AGO will be held on Wednesday, December 14th, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, in Agawam. Participants are asked to bring a "brown bag lunch."

A support group FOR THOSE WHOSE SPOUSE DIED LESS THAN 18 MONTHS AGO will be held on Wednesday, December 14th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the same location.

A support group for "Younger Widowed," designed SOLELY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNDER 45 YEARS OF AGE, will be held on Thursday, December 15th, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Grief Support Center, Forastiere Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, 220 North Main Street, in East Longmeadow.

A support group FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A SPOUSE is available for those who cannot conveniently attend the other groups. It will be held on Tuesday, December 27th, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Grief Support Center, Forastiere Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, 220 North Main Street, in East Longmeadow.

These support groups are on-going, 12 months a year. There is no pre-registration required, nor commitment to attend. Participants need merely to go to any group they choose.

All groups are provided FREE OF CHARGE by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes and are facilitated by Grief Counselor Lila Forastiere. For further information, call 733-5311.

## Santa Claus Will Accept Christmas Letters From Children

Once again, the Agawam Junior Women's Club is asking all good girls and boys to send their letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole. Make sure you send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your letter so that Santa can reply.

Santa's elves enjoy delivering your letters to Santa and Mrs. Claus, as it brings them good cheer on this joyous holiday season. To get your letter to the North Pole in time, address your envelope to:

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The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

## Catholic Women To Meet Dec. 12th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its monthly meeting in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church on Monday, December 12th at 8:00 p.m.

President Beverly Boudreau will conduct a brief business meeting, which will include a report on the Christmas Bazaar and presentation of a check to Fr. Howard McCormick of St. John's, which represents the proceeds of that event.

The "Singing Priests," back by popular demand, have planned a program of Christmas music that will put all in a festive mood. Mrs. Claus will be dropping by to distribute gifts. Members wishing to receive a gift must bring one.

Gifts are still being accepted for the Open Pantry. They should be wrapped and marked with the age and sex of child they are appropriate for.

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## Christmas Trees, Christmas Trees ...



OVER AT BILL SPEAR'S FORESTRY SERVICES on South West Street, Feeding Hills, members of the Bachini family - Paul, Debbie, Michael, Danielle, and "Hook" are assisted by Bill Spear (far left and far right in both photos) with their tree selection. Spear is donating \$1 from each tree purchased to the Ronald Dutton Fund. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Fire Dept. Issues General Rules For Christmas Safety

### LIGHTS

Christmas tree lights and other decorations set the theme for the Christmas holidays. Here are some very important points to remember when using them.

- Use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the UL Label from Underwriters Laboratories.
- Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, loose connections. Discard any of this equipment that you deem unsafe.
- Check labels of lights to be used outdoors to see that they are suitable for outdoor use. Never use indoor lights outside. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, walls, or other firm support to protect them from wind damage.
- Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension. Read manufacturer's instructions carefully and do not use more than the recommended number of lights in one circuit.
- Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when you retire or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this equipment could cause a fire.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Damaged insulation in lighting on a metallic tree could cause the entire tree to be charged with electricity. To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a metal tree, never fastened onto it.
- Keep children away from light sets and electrical decorations. All lights present the problem of shock and casualty hazards for curious kids.

### PAPER

The opening of Christmas presents is always a special time during the holidays. Take special precautions when disposing of the wrappings:

- Always dispose of wrappings immediately after opening.
- Place trash in a metal container. DON'T burn wrappings in the fireplace, they may ignite suddenly, and cause a flash fire.

### TREES

Artificial trees (plastic) should bear the UL Label. Some unlabeled plastic trees burn with extreme vigor.

Do not rely on chemical coatings or sprays to make your live evergreen flame-resistant. Follow the safety rules below when shopping for a natural tree.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember:

- Check for color and scent. A fresh tree is deep green in color and has a strong scent of pine.
- Be sure that the needles do not readily fall from the tree.
- The trunk butt of a fresh tree should be sticky with sap.

Place your Christmas tree in a location away from fireplaces, radiators, or other heat sources. Be sure that it is out of the traffic pattern and does not block doorways.

Cut off about 2-inches of the trunk. Mount tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand with wide-spread legs. Be sure that the tree is stable.

Fill base holder with water. Keep it full of water while the tree is indoors (as you would fresh flowers). Remember, heated rooms dry trees out

rapidly; and a dry tree is a fire hazard.

### FIRES

Your fireplace is a source of warmth and heat. Before starting your fire, be sure to remove all paper decorations and boughs from the immediate area.

BE SURE THE FLUE IS OPEN. NEVER set up your Christmas tree near the fireplace, this is a potential fire hazard. Use a screen to enclose the front of your fireplace to confine live embers and sparks to the fire box.

Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on a wood fire. They contain heavy metals, and can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten. Keep away from children.

### CANDLES

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.

Always use non-flammable holders. Keep away from other decorations and wrapping paper.

Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

### TRIMMINGS

The trimming of your Christmas tree is a very important part of your holiday festivities. Keep the safety of your family in mind when selecting trimmings, and decorating your tree.

When choosing the finishing touches for the tree, purchase tinsel or artificial icicles of a non-leaded material. Leaded materials may be hazardous if eaten by children or pets.

If youngsters are a part of your family, take special care to:

- Avoid any decorations that tend to break easily, or have sharp edges.
- Keep tree trimmings that are small, or have removable parts, out of the reach of your child. These pieces may be swallowed.
- Don't purchase ornaments that resemble candy or foods. A small child may try to eat them.

### PLAN AHEAD

An emergency could strike your home at any time. Here are a few simple rules to follow to help your family through a crisis.

- Keep emergency service numbers posted on or near your telephone.
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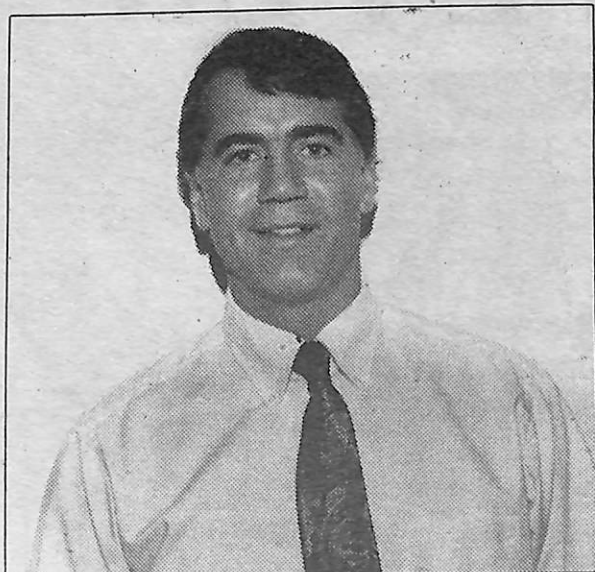
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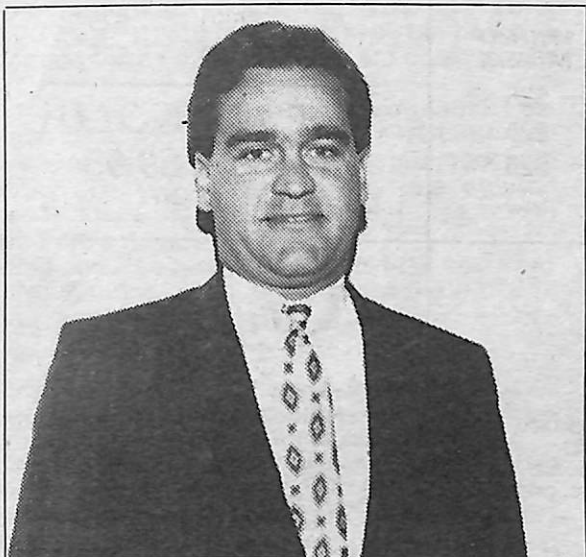
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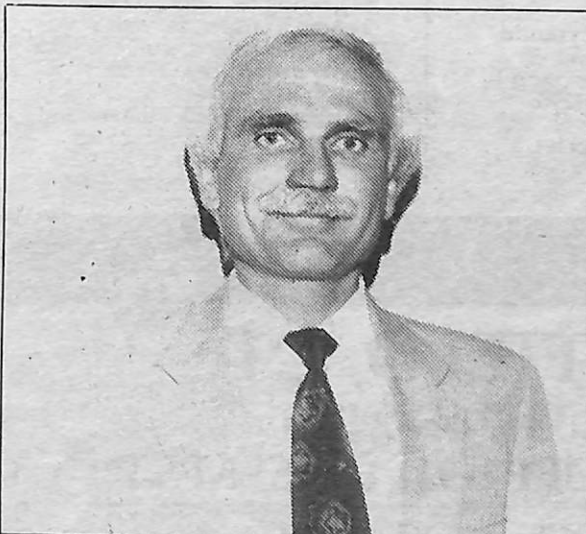
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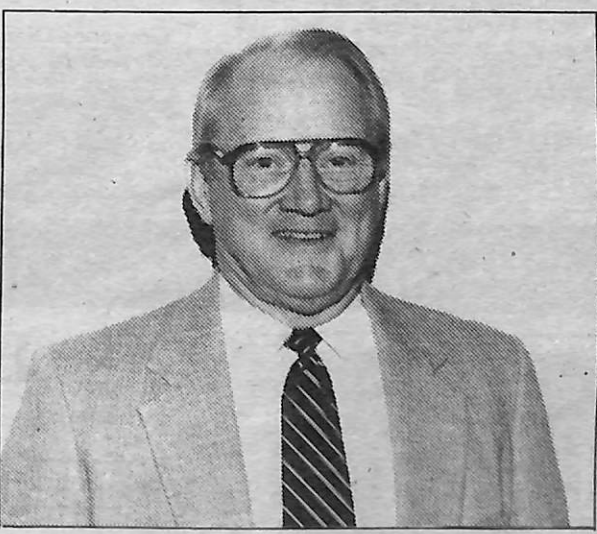
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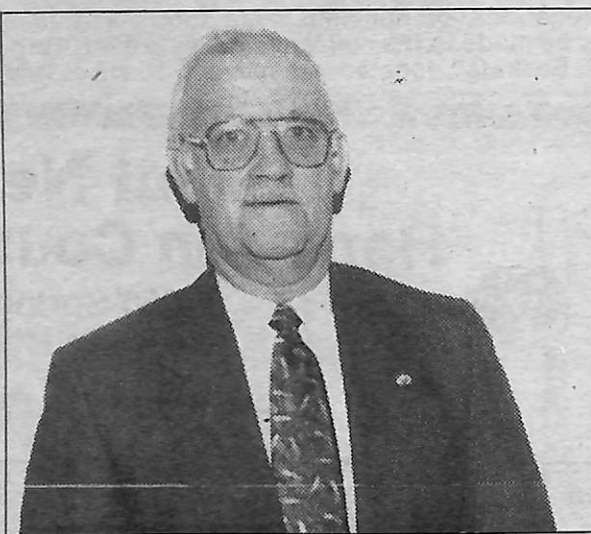
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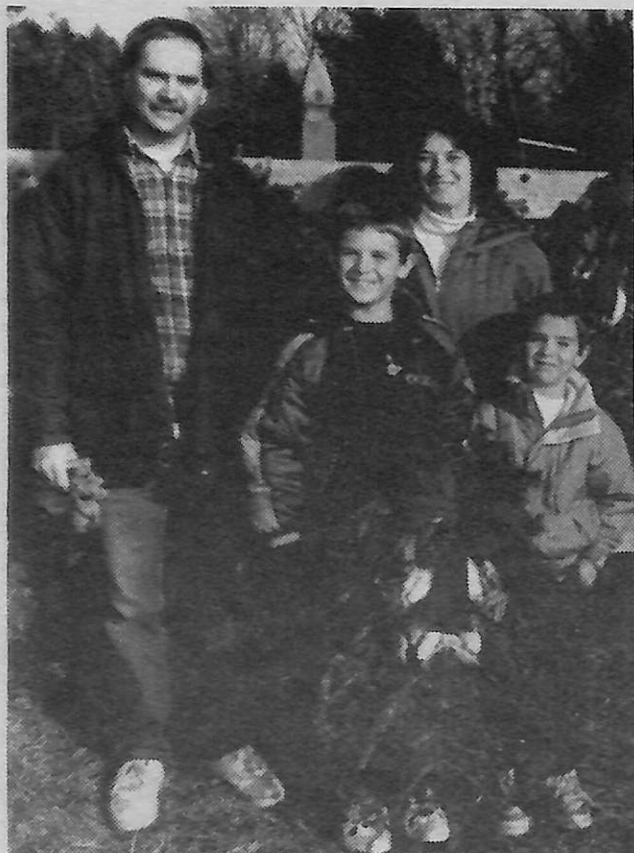


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## Christmas Trees, Christmas Trees ...



**GREENNEEDLE PLANTATION** on South West Street, Feeding Hills, owned and operated by Donald Faits, was very busy last weekend. From left - Scott Dusza helps the Freeman family - Amy, Cassie, and Kenny with their tree; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Don Faits (right) assists the Lagasse family - Paul Jr., Lisa, Paul III, and Jeffrey. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Friends In Harmony Plans Christmas Show For Dec. 9th & 16th

Riverside's "Friends in Harmony" Christmas Show will be held on December 9th and 16th at the Red Door Theater in Agawam at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The chorus will perform a selection of traditional and new Christmas songs.

Tickets are \$1. Donations to be made to various local charities. Tickets may be purchased from chorus members or reserved by calling Riverside Park, 786-9300, ext. 3400 (Judy or Patti).

### Holiday Collection Baskets Found All Over Town To Help Open Pantry

Agawam Holiday Baskets become the right arm of the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. During this very busy time of the year, the Agawam Junior Women's Club absorbs the responsibility for overseeing the collection of food and distribution of Holiday Baskets to families at risk (in Agawam and Feeding Hills) of not being able to celebrate the holidays to the fullest.

With the help of the schools, Mayor's office, churches, civic organizations, youth groups, and private individuals, the Juniors have been able to collect food, toys, turkeys, and money which enable us to fill the needs of 40 to 50 families in our town.

Donations of non-perishable foods and toys may be made to the collection boxes labeled "Holiday Baskets" located around the town at the

library, Town Hall, Fitness First, Middle School, High School, Games & Lanes, Ayre Realty, Public Market, and George and Green Realty.

Monetary donations to help fill out the baskets or gifts of turkeys can be referred to "Holiday Baskets," c/o Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001.

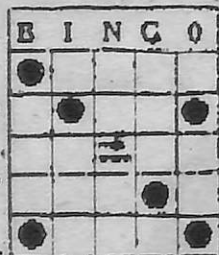
Years ago, this project was called "Clearing House" and all civic and church organizations participated in the collection, sorting, and distribution of these baskets. In more recent years, the Agawam Junior Women's Club has agreed to coordinate all areas in conjunction with the Open Pantry to insure this worthy project continues to operate smoothly.

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## Christmas Trees, Christmas Trees...



DECARO BROTHERS NURSERY on Springfield Street (near Super Stop & Shop) again has a nice selection of cemetery logs and Christmas trees. IN PHOTO LEFT, Bill Raymond, nursery manager, helps Charles Dupre select a cemetery log; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Bill Raymond pulls another tree for a happy customer. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Pro Life Christmas Vigil Being Held By Citizens For Life At Baystate Med. Ctr.

The Pro Life Christmas Vigil, sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life, will be held on Friday, December 16th outside Baystate Medical Center, Chestnut Street, Springfield.

The peaceful vigil will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 12:00 midnight.

This is a prayerful vigil. Those taking part will

carry candles and walk quietly in front of Baystate Medical Center, where approximately 1,000 children are killed each year by abortion, 90 percent of which are late trimester abortions.

Those wishing to take part in this Pro Life Vigil can contact Massachusetts Citizens for Life at 583-5034.

### Crankers Car Club Donates \$300 To Open Pantry

On October 23rd, the "Crankers" Antique Car Club of Agawam donated \$300 to the Open Pantry of West Springfield.

This is the second year that the "Crankers" have helped the Agawam/West Springfield CROP Walk and they plant to help next year if they are needed.

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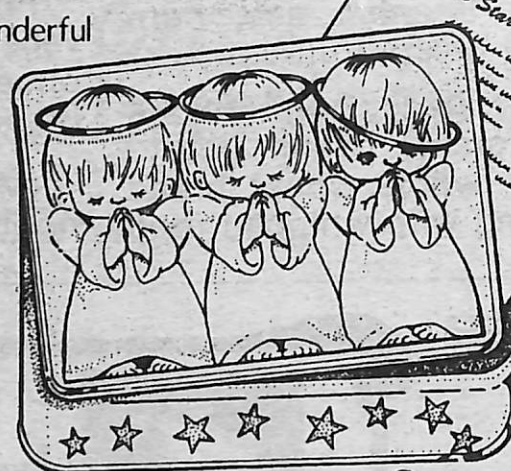
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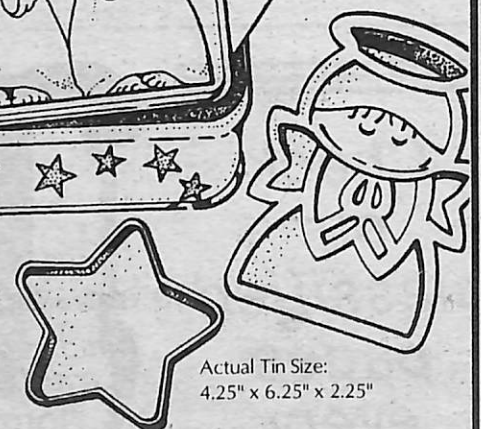
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# Christmas Trees, Christmas Trees...



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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, December 12th:** French meat pie (pork), mashed potatoes, carrots, oatmeal bread, baked apple.

**Tuesday, December 13th:** Baked chicken leg, Spanish rice, corn, Canadian oat bread, fruit cobbler.

**Wednesday, December 14th:** Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

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**Thursday, December 15th:** Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, peas, pumpernickel bread, mixed fruit.

**Friday, December 16th:** Turkey vegetable soup, baked macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, canned peaches.

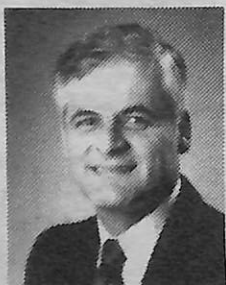
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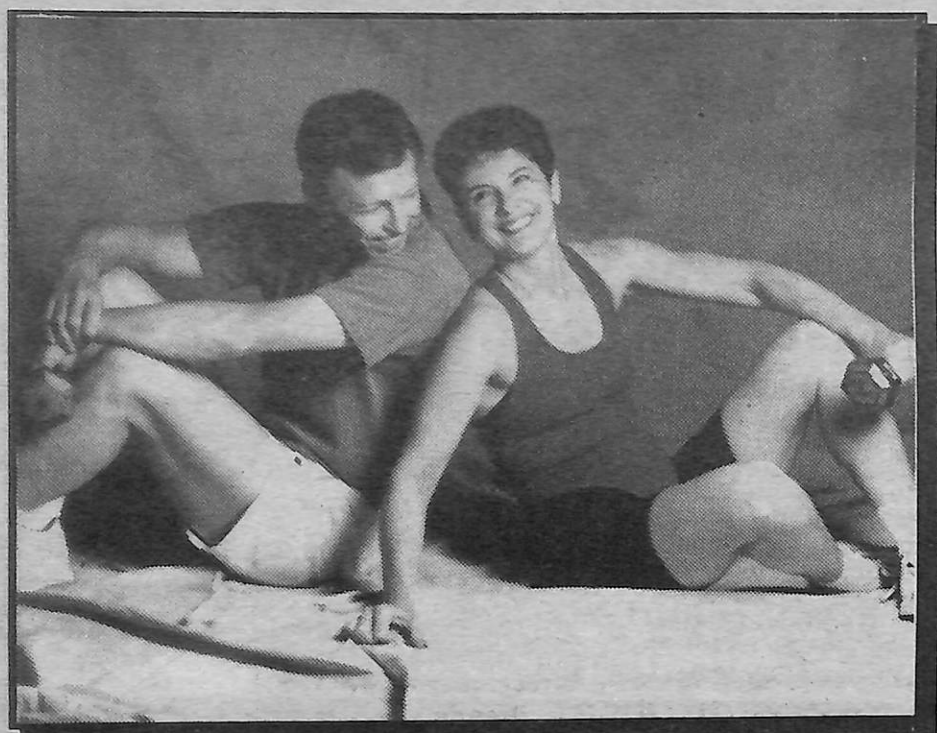
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## World War II Comm. Seeking To Erect Special Honor Roll

The WW II 50th Anniversary Committee is busy trying to raise funds to erect an Honor Roll on the Agawam Veterans' Green on Main Street.

When completed, the Honor Roll will reflect the names of all wartime veterans whose home of record at the time of discharge was Agawam. The committee is also planning to include a bronze plaque with the Honor Roll in memory of General Creighton W. Abrams of Agawam.

The WW II 50th Anniversary Candle is a 16-ounce scented jar candle with the Commemorative seal on the jar and it sells for \$12.95. Some of the Christmas scents include Christmas Tree, Hollyberry, Spiced Apple, and Blueberry.

The candles are heavily scented and burn from 50 to 75 hours. Please consider purchasing a candle for Christmas giving and at the same time be a part of making an Agawam Honor Roll a reality. The Agawam Veterans' Green will not be complete until we honor all those who served and especially General Abrams, in whom we all feel a great sense of pride.

To order your candle or candles, please call the Department of Veterans' Services at Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237 or any member of the 50th Anniversary Committee.



**WORLD WAR II Anniversary Committee members, from left - Louis Massoia, Jessie D. Fuller, Edward Kellogg, and Harold Davis hold candles being sold this Christmas season to raise funds for an Honor Roll of Veterans to be placed on the Veterans' Green on Main Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Genealogy Workshop At Historic Museum

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum will offer an introductory genealogy workshop Monday, December 12th, from 9:00 a.m.-noon at the museum, located at the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets.

Genealogist John P. O'Connor will teach participants to use census records, vital records, city directories, passenger lists, naturalization records, and gravestone inscriptions. He will introduce them to microfilm and microfiche, as well as the wealth of materials available in the Museum's Genealogy and Local History Library.

Cost of the workshop will be \$30 (\$25 for members of the Springfield Library & Museums).

For additional information, call the museum at 413-732-3080.

## Pvt. Gregg MacDonald Completes Course

Army Reserve Pvt. Gregg R. MacDonald has completed the personnel administration specialist course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Lawrence, Indiana.

The course was designed to provide students a working knowledge of unit administrative duties, including files and publications, correspondence procedures, unit personnel actions, and basic typing skills.

MacDonald is the son of Geoffrey L. MacDonald of 7 Colony Lane, Feeding Hills.

He is a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School.

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## Fire Dept. Accepting Food For Open Pantry

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# Church News

## Crafts Fair At Ag. United Methodist Church



AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH held its Annual Holiday Bazaar on November 19th. From left - Arlene Smith, Ruth Roberts, and Vivian Roberts supervise the bake sale; IN PHOTO RIGHT - Joyce Thomson, Aletha Hodge, and Sonja Roberts were exhibiting crafts. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Activities At Agawam United Methodist

Agawam United Methodist Church invites you to join its members in worship at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.

There is Sunday School at worship time. Nursery care is provided.

A Song Service and Prayers will be conducted by the Lay Leader at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at the Parsonage takes place on Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Services are as follows:  
Family Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.;  
Christmas Eve Service, 11:00 p.m.; Service on  
Christmas Day, 9:30 a.m.  
All are invited.

For more information about events and activities at Agawam United Methodist Church, call 786-4174 or 786-5278.

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## Jingle Valley Crafts



SHOWING CRAFTS at the November 19th Jingle Valley Fair at the Agawam First Baptist Church included, from left - Hope Paradysz, Yvette Ramos-Bishop, and Marilyn Rennell.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Rosary Altar Society Has Christmas Party On December 13th

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church would like to remind its members that the Annual Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 13th in the Parish Center.

Members and friends are invited to a "mystical-magical" evening of entertainment. Refreshments will be served. The hostess for the evening will be Kay Rau. Plan now to attend, and please remember the \$5 gift exchange.

The entire board would like to extend its very best wishes to all, during this season of Christmas.

To you and yours, and to all, a very Merry Christmas.

## Spirit Of Christmas Is Far Cry From The Mall

by Reverend Robert Donaldson  
pastor, Feeding Hills Congregational Church

Once again, the call goes out, as it has for the 26 centuries since Isaiah spoke the words: *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!*

The Lord is coming. This is what Christians proclaim Christmas to be about. The Lord is coming. So, how do we get ready to welcome Him? It depends on what we believe.

If we think that Christmas spirit is about gaudy displays of lights and ornaments, then it can be had - for a price. We prepare for this kind of Christmas by arming ourselves with cash or plastic and stocking up at the mall.

For a few hundred dollars, our homes can look like department stores. And for several hundred more, we can purchase the things manufacturers tell us our loved ones have gone without for too long. And we can spend Epiphany and beyond paying for it all.

But I doubt this is exactly what God had in mind when God "Gave His only begotten Son."

There is another kind of Christmas which has nothing to do with K-Mart. It is a Christmas preceded not by "shopping days," but by Advent - the time the Church has set aside for us to prepare the Way of the Lord.

To celebrate this alternative Christmas takes commitment because the pressure to celebrate Christmas K-Mart style is nearly overwhelming. But the task is not hopeless. We can begin to reclaim Christmas by resolving to take a few concrete steps as follows:

1. Remember whose birthday is being celebrated. Jesus said, *"My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled."* (John 14:27) With the commercial pressure to give and receive material gifts, we can easily overlook Christ's gift of peace to us.

2. So, set aside time each day to read Scripture, pray, be still, and prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Begin to attend worship regularly. If you can do this much, God can do much more to prepare you for life with the Christ-Child.

3. Earmark at least 25 percent of your Christmas giving budget for those who truly need your gifts. Personally, I'd prefer to have gifts given in my name to a few of my favorite charities and causes. If you don't need another necktie or scarf, suggest this to those who will be shopping for you. They may be happy to do the same. In this way, you could

4. Include the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned in your Christmas celebration. You might also join your church in Christmas caroling or in other volunteer efforts to reach out to people who are either shut-in or shut-out from the usual good cheer.

5. Strive to be peacemakers in your family, community, and world. Rather than join in the fray, join in some effort to bring healing to God's troubled world.

6. Take back your celebration of Christmas from the marketplace by resisting consumer pressures to spend beyond your means. Rather than look at catalogs or store windows for ideas, begin by thinking about the person to whom you want to give. The best gifts reflect the thought, the time, and the talent we have put into them. That's rarely available commercially.

7. Consider the message you would like your gift to communicate. The gifts we share say something about the things we believe in. Advertisers, for instance, would have us believe that violent games and toy guns make great Christmas gifts. But what do games associated with war and killing have to do with celebrating the coming of the Prince of Peace? Let your gifts be simple, pleasing, and reflective of whose birthday this really is.

More than anything else, Christmas is about the new beginning God has given us in the birth of Jesus. One way we begin to prepare the Way of the Lord is by taking back the celebration of His birth.

## Roast Beef Dinner To Benefit Group At F.H. Congregational

A Roast Beef Dinner hosted by Operation Friendship of America will be held Saturday, December 10th at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$7, \$3.75 for children under 12, and free for children under five.

For reservations, call Kathy Rose at 786-0195 or Chris Mangano at 789-3128. If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name and number of reservations.

Walk-ins welcomed.

## Christmas Concert At Sacred Heart On December 11th

Sacred Heart Church is presenting its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the church at 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The Junior Choir will be singing from the musical *"Keep Christ In Christmas."* The Senior Choir will be singing a selection of songs, including a Carol-A-Long and the Cantata, *"The Miracle of Christmas."*

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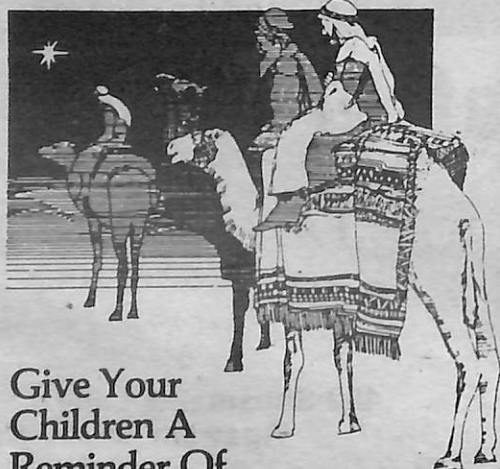
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## News &amp; Notes From F.H. Congregational

Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week will be "Merry Christmas, You Brood of Vipers."

Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. Children are invited to attend church with their parents, leaving at the appropriate time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided.

The 40-Plus Club will hold its monthly luncheon on Wednesday, December 14th. A ham dinner is planned. Please call the church to add your name to the reservation list.

The Women of Wisdom study group will meet again next week on Thursday, December 15th, at 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget the Children's Christmas Party on December 11th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will have a pot luck supper followed by a special holiday craft project.

Please bring a gift wrapped in white paper with

a tag indicating the appropriate age and gender of the child receiving the gift. These gifts will be donated to the Open Pantry for distribution.

It's time for Christmas flowers to be placed in the sanctuary! If you would like to order flowers to be placed in church on Sunday, December 18th, please contact Elise Bradway at 786-1409.

The Youth Group has announced that it will provide babysitting at the church on December 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per child. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the board in Griswold Hall for you to fill in if you are planning to use this service.

This is a great way to raise funds for the Youth Group as well as provide parents with some free time during this busy season.

The Silver and Gold banquet planned for

January 8th has been postponed. This does not mean that we do not want any old photographs or other memorabilia.

If you can provide some information on members, activities, etc., from 25 or more years ago, we need you to call us at 786-5061.

On the calendar for this coming week:

\* **December 11th:** Open Pantry Sunday; Children's Christmas Party, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

\* **December 12th:** Trustees, 7:30 p.m.

\* **December 13th:** Stewardship/Missions, 7:30 p.m.

\* **December 14th:** 40-Plus Luncheon, 12:00 noon; Girl Scouts, 2:45 p.m.; Choir, 7:00 p.m.; A.A., 8:00 p.m.

\* **December 15th:** Girl Scouts, 6:00 p.m.; Women of Wisdom, 7:30 p.m.

\* **December 17th:** Youth Group (4-9), 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

## Valley Community Announces Schedule For Christmas Holiday

Valley Community Church announces its weekly services of Christmas celebration for the month of December:

**Saturday, December 10th:**

Monthly church supper featuring baked chicken with all the fixin's. Continuous seating from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 11th:**

Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Advent candle by a family in the congregation.

Sunday School for children also begins at 10:00 a.m.

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**Sunday, December 18th:**

The excitement of the forthcoming birth of Christ continues. Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Advent candle by a family in the congregation.

Sunday School for children also begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, December 24th:**

The traditional candlelight service begins at 11:00 p.m. Come and — "REJOICE, for there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

**Sunday, December 25th:**

The Christmas Day service begins at 10:00 a.m. Join us in the celebration of the birth of Christ. Put aside the frantic shopping and holiday baking to renew your faith in the true meaning of Christmas.

The doors of Valley Community Church are open to everyone. We are located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield St.

## Chicken Supper Back At Valley Community

Valley Community Church is happy to spread the news of the return of its Chicken Suppers.

The supper will be held on Saturday, December 10th, with continuous seatings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Featured on the menu is baked chicken, stuffing, potatoes, two hot vegetables, salad, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and a beverage. Then comes the hard part—your choice from the dessert table which is overflowing with delicious fattening, sweet, mouth-watering desserts.

The cost is still only \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children.

Reservations are strongly suggested by calling the church at 786-2445.

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## Holiday Bazaar At Ag. Congregational



SHOWING OFF CRAFTS at the Agawam Congregational Church on November 19th were, from left - Sandra Parente, Susan Provost, and Martha DePretto. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GINNY DODGE, DORIS KISTNER, and VERA PICKRELL participated in the November 19th holiday bazaar at the Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DIANE SIMPSON and JANICE SCHERMERHORN were among the artisans on hand at the holiday bazaar at the Agawam Congregational Church on November 19th.

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**Church News - continued...****Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational**

This Sunday, December 11th, is the Third Sunday of Advent. Children will celebrate Communion downstairs at 10:30 a.m. as part of their Church School class. They should report to their Church School class and proceed as a class to the Chapel.

The Family Christmas Workshop will follow the Sunday morning Worship Service at 12:00 noon.

Midweek Service continues Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come and return your returnable bottles and cans at the parking lot of Dave's Soda and Pet Food City this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Our Jr. High will be there collecting; proceeds to benefit the West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Club 45 group will meet at the church Friday, December 9th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Be prepared for laser tag.)

Everyone in fourth and fifth grade and their friends are welcome!

Our Christmas pageant will rehearse this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. All who would like to be a part of this special way of celebrating Christmas can come!

There will be a Called to Care meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on December 14th. Anyone interested in this program is welcome to attend.

The next New Member Class begins Wednesday, December 14th, at 7:35 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the church may attend.

There will be three Christmas Eve services held Saturday evening, December 24th, to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

A Christmas Pageant (with the children and youth) at 5:00 p.m.; a Carol & Candle Service at 7:00 p.m.; and the traditional Candlelighting Service at 11:00 p.m.

On Sunday, Christmas Day, the Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m.

## Candlelight Christmas At Old First Church Slated For Dec. 11th

Old First Church will present its traditional Candlelight Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11th, at First Church, Court Square, Springfield, featuring performances of ancient and modern Christmas music by the First Church Choir and Soloists and the Wind Symphony of Westfield State College.

A candlelight processional will provide an opportunity for the audience to sing many traditional carols with the Wind Symphony and choristers.

A tradition at Old First Church for many years, the concert is part of the "Music at First" series. Christmas lights and decorations around Court Square make the church a perfect setting for the event.

The Wind Symphony at Westfield State College is made up of both music majors and non-majors, as well as community musicians. It strives to play the finest in concert band/wind ensemble repertoire. The group will be directed by Karen R. LaVoie and Peter Demos.

The Wind Symphony will perform Leroy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival" with Charles Page as organist. They will also play Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," as well as Alfred Reed's arrangement of "Greensleeves."

LaVoie is assistant professor of music at Westfield State College. She is completing a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at the University of Iowa. Dr. Demos founded the Wind Symphony in 1970 and was its music director until 1990. He is a member of the Westwind Woodwind Quintet and appears frequently as a guest conductor and recitalist.

The First Church Choir, directed by Charles Page, will sing several Advent and Christmas compositions, including Gerald Near's "Puer Natus in Bethlehem" and Anthony Piccolo's "I Look From Afar." The program will also include the first movement of the Rutter "Gloria" for Wind Symphony, chorus, and organ.

The concert is free of charge and all are welcome to attend. Following the program, a reception will be held in the Latimer Room of the church providing an opportunity to meet the artists.

Check our classified pages today!

## 'Parents' Morning Out' Being Sponsored At St. David's Church

A "Parents' Morning Out" will be offered to the community at-large on Saturday, December 17th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, by St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

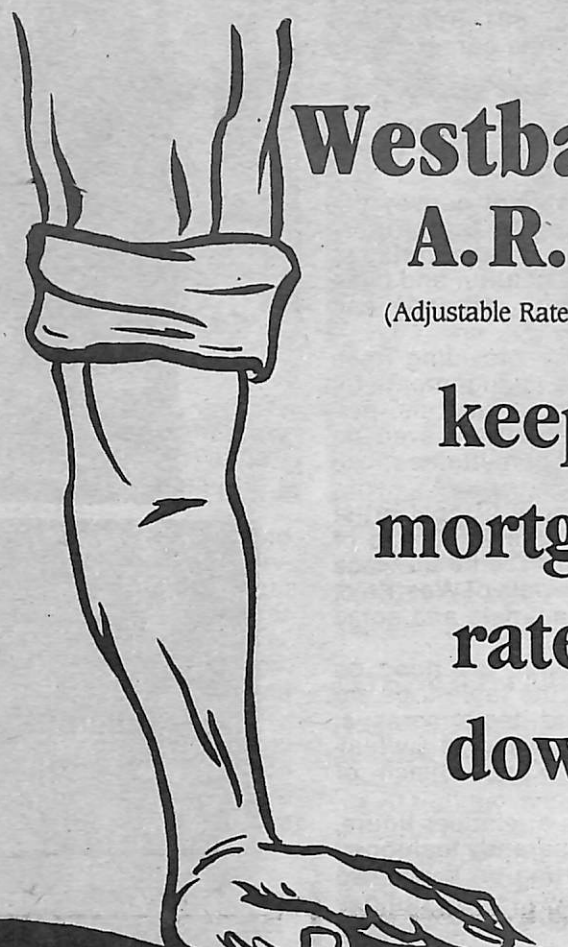
Consisting of a Christian program, snack, and child care for infants up to eight year-old children, the program will be not only fun for the children, but also a relief for parents looking for time to

shop, to rest, or otherwise to prepare for the holidays.

The ratio of adult caregivers to children will be one to four, with aides assisting at all age levels. The charge for one child will be \$12, with \$8 for each additional child in the same family.

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## Spotlight On Business

### Country Flowers Set For Celebration Of 10th Anniversary

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Raffles, gifts, discounts, and refreshments will all be presented to the public when **Country Flowers and Gifts**, a shop at 501 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, rolls out the carpet for its 10th anniversary.

The celebration will be from noon to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 10th, and everyone is welcome to attend, according to Barbara Viens, co-owner with Diane Fila.

The store's front entrance cannot convey the amount and variety of merchandise and gifts inside. So, it is somewhat of a pleasant surprise to step inside to mingle with the beautiful and charming floral arrangements, crafts, artwork, and gifts.

The business is first a florist, providing fresh flowers as well as silk and dried arrangements for all types of occasions: weddings, funerals, parties, banquets, celebrations, etc. They even do corsages and as a service, will sometimes make up fruit baskets.

Framed watercolor paintings by a local artist are available and the shop carries a full line of dolls. One doll is made of cloth with the face painted on by artist L. Renee Nowalk of Westfield. There are also lots of stuffed animals and some can be used in arrangements.

Approximately 100 coffee mugs are hung on one wall for easy viewing, and the table tops are adorned with hand-crafted wood items, ceramic, figurines, and flower containers. There is a whimsical ceramic cow made by Karen Sliech of Feeding Hills.

Near the front of the shop is a reindeer figure, about 2½-feet in height. It is apparently fashioned from dried grapevines, and sitting on it are two white stuffed bears. Nearby is a holiday decorated mailbox and an old-fashioned sleigh.

Above and behind the deer is an enchanting Santa Claus figure made of twisted paper over a wire frame. The figure was crafted by Fran Baird.

#### Large Assortment Of Flowers & Wreaths

A large assortment of dried flowers and greens hang on one wall and are the sort one would purchase to make his/her own arrangements. There are also varied sizes of wreaths made from dried grapevines to challenge craftsmen to decorate.

The Country Flower and Gift Shop was originally located in Southwick and owned by Diane Fila's sister-in-law, for whom both present owners worked. The shop burned in 1980, and Diane and Barbara bought the business. Diane lives on North Street, Feeding Hills, and Barbara on Walnut Street, Agawam, so they located the business on Maple Street. The partners relocated at the present location in the Hollow Pine Shops on Springfield Street in 1987.

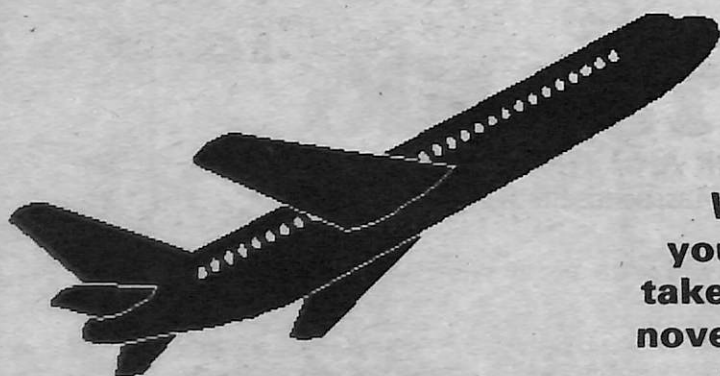
Daily deliveries in their van and wire service of flowers to any place in the world are shop features. There are also silk and dried flowers and hanging arrangements, live plants, candles, and much more. Custom work is also done on request, such as matching floral arrangements to a wallpaper or fabric.

SEE COUNTRY FLOWERS - Page 29...



**COUNTRY FLOWERS & GIFTS**, located at 501 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, will hold its 10th anniversary celebration on Saturday, December 10th, from noon to 4:00 p.m. In photo left are co-owners Barbara Viens (left) and Diane Fila. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Our life span is increasing: The National Easter Seal Society estimates that 70 percent of all Americans will be disabled to the point where they are temporarily or permanently unable to climb stairs or reach electrical outlets. Therefore, it's time homeowners recognize the growing necessity and benefits of accommodating all members of the family with "universal" or "trans-generational" designs.

Century 21 Real Estate Corporation and The National Easter Seals Society, co-sponsors of the "Easy Access Housing for Easier Living" campaign, say it's important to know the difference between two commonly used terms when referring to universal home design: "accessible" and "adaptable."

An adaptable house has certain structural features that make it possible to modify later for accessibility, if the need arises. Generally, homes that are adaptable have wide hallways, and at least one bedroom and bath on the same level as the common living, dining and kitchen areas. An "accessible" home is already equipped with modifications to meet the needs of a person with disabilities—or again, an older adult.

However, it's imperative to note that "accessible" means different things to different people. The needs of a person who uses a wheelchair vary from one who has arthritis or uses a cane.

While all rooms in a home are important for adaptability or accessibility, there seems to be a growing trend in consumers wanting open, universally designed kitchens and baths — the same areas that are typically key to a home's resale potential. Since the kitchen and baths are also the most-often remodeled rooms in a house, think long-term by considering accessible cabinets, pull-out shelves, sinks, faucet levers, electrical outlets, switches, etc., when re-doing these areas.

Of course, before starting any major remodeling projects, you should consult a certified designer on what makes sense for you — and what will widen the appeal and increase the resale value of your home.

To background yourself, there are many informational booklets or pamphlets available on accessibility or adaptability, such as "Easy Access Housing for Easier Living" checklist brochure, available free-of-charge by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: "Easy Access," c/o National Easter Seal Society, 70 East Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60601. This checklist supplies general guidelines for every room of the house and will give you a good idea of how to create a warm, inviting home that every member of the family, from small children to great-grandparents, can enjoy.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc. located in the Crossroads Shoppes in Feeding Hills, MA [413-789-1117].)

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Kathryn M. Ayre, President of Ayre Real Estate Co., Inc., proudly announce that Anne DePalma, formerly of Futuristic Real Estate, has joined the firm.

Anne has been a member of the Springfield Association of Realtors since 1970 and has served the Board in various capacities. She is a past State Director, Board Secretary, Board Treasurer and has served as a member on the local Board of Directors, the Professional Standards Committee, and has served as chairperson of the Grievance Committee.

Anne is a member of Zonta Club, a professional women's service organization, and has served on the Board of Trustees/Northampton State Hospital. Anne continues to give freely of her time and expertise to better our community.

Anne resides in Feeding Hills with her husband, John. She looks forward to continuing the high level of excellence her clients have come to expect from her. Please give Anne DePalma a call at 789-0812.



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**BARBARA VIENS (left) and DIANA FILA,**  
co-owners of Country Flowers & Gifts, are  
holding an open house on Saturday afternoon,  
December 10th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**COUNTRY FLOWERS - from Page 28...**

Special holiday floral arrangements are being readied to be available for sale at the open house, and names will be accepted at that time for a raffle of holiday decorations to be awarded in plenty of time for Christmas, Barbara said.

A special 15 percent discount is to be offered during the Open House on December 10th for items taken from the store at that time or for orders to be delivered at a later date. This does not include consignment items or wire outs. The shop uses Teleflora's specific arrangement bases.

This season, there are cookie jars, hurricane lamps, and berry balls as bases for floral hurricanes (some with candles). These arrangements give customers an idea of how their purchase will look before it is made to order.

Barbara and Diane are enthusiastic about their business and excited about the upcoming anniversary Open House. They hope many people will accept their invitation to what they have called "a special Christmas experience."

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****New Tea Shoppe Brings Victorian England To 430 Main St. Plaza**

"A step back in time." "A peaceful, relaxing atmosphere." "A whole different world once you step through the door."

Those are some of the remarks made by those who do, indeed, step through the door into a quaint, new business called "My Friend's Tea Shoppe," located in the 430 Main Street Plaza in Agawam.

The owners, Sayre Hulseberg of West Springfield and Kathy Mutti of Agawam, met a few years ago and discovered that they had a mutual love for tea and creativity. Together, they began to seek out tea rooms to share the experience. What they discovered was there seem to be many coffee houses now opening, but not so for tea rooms.

Having professional backgrounds, Hulseberg was a realtor for 17 years and Mutti was a hairdresser for 20 years. They felt forming a partnership would be beneficial in this new business venture.

There are many stories to tell of how the location was determined, as well as how the china cups, silver spoons, and cloth napkins were collected. The unfortunate closing of Steiger's gave the ladies the opportunity to purchase just the right furniture from the Steiger's Tea Room.

The menu and the decor are ever-changing. In addition to the tea option, you could choose a pot of European filtered coffee to go with a selection of tea sandwiches, scones, and pastries. Whether or not you come to "Take Tea," please feel free to just browse in the gift shop.

They currently are open Wednesday through Saturday and are available for intimate gatherings, business meetings, bridal showers, and holiday get-togethers. Special functions can be coordinated for any day or evening.



**MY FRIEND'S TEA SHOPPE**, located at 430 Main Street, Agawam, is a "step back in time," according to the owners of the new tea shoppe. The shoppe also includes a nice area brimming with unique gifts for the holiday season. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



**KATHY MUTTI (left) and SAYRE HULSEBERG** have opened "My Friend's Tea Shoppe" at 430 Main Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

## United Cooperative Bank Appoints Three



**Russell B. Jopson, Jr.** of Chicopee has joined the bank as Financial Manager at the bank's corporate headquarters in West Springfield.



**Foy M. Miller** of East Longmeadow has been appointed Personal Banker at the bank's Wilbraham Road, Sixteen Acres branch.



**Karen M. Webb** of West Springfield was named Personal Banking Officer at United's Westfield location.



### BITS & PIECES

by Raymond Rose  
1-800-331-0880

### Definitions Of Three Key Interest Rates

There's been so much talk about interest rates over the past months that I thought that I would jot down the definitions for you ... you may want to cut this article out for future reference.

#### PRIME RATE

It was once the rate banks charged for loans to their most credit-worthy customers. More recently, however, the prime has been used as a benchmark for the rates charged on many consumer and business loans. For instance, the rate on many credit cards is now based on the prime plus a set number of additional percentage points. Several weeks ago, many banks raised their prime lending rate three-quarters of a percentage point to 8.5 percent.

#### FEDERAL FUNDS RATE

The interest rate banks charge each other for overnight loans. Usually these loans are designed to meet a bank's reserve requirements set by the Federal Reserve Board. The reserve requirement is cash that banks must keep on hand, representing a percentage of their deposits. The federal funds rate, set by the market daily and subject to influences from the Fed, is a key barometer of short-term interest rates paid by consumers. The

Fed funds rate recently rose to 5.5 percent.

#### DISCOUNT RATE

The interest rate the Federal Reserve charges to banks when they borrow money backed by government securities they own. This rate regulates the flow of money into the economy and is more influential than the federal funds rate. The discount rate rose recently to 4.75 percent.

#### WHAT HAPPENS NOW

Higher interest rates make borrowing more expensive and can lessen demand. This helps cool economic growth and eases inflationary pressures. Higher interest rates can also hurt by making homes, cars, and other merchandise unaffordable. This reduces consumer spending, weakens business, and increases joblessness.

#### NAMES AND NOTES

**Julie Goodnough** had her appendix removed ... Saturday evening, December 3rd ... and was officially inducted into the Appendectomy Club of America. She's doing great ... and says "HI" to all of her friends.

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## Cheryl Reisner Of Stearns & Yerrall Completes Course

George R. Yerrall, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, has announced that Cheryl Reisner of the Agawam Sales Office has successfully completed Course 102 of the 1994 REALTOR Institute of Massachusetts held recently at the Berkshire Hilton in Pittsfield.

The association sponsors Institutes throughout the year for realtors and realtor-associates as part of its continuing education program. Upon completion of six 15-hour courses, Institute participants receive the nationally recognized designation "GRI" (Graduate, REALTOR Institute).

Of over 82,000 GRI's nationwide, there are over 2,500 in Massachusetts. The Institute includes such subjects as Residential Construction and Design, Listings, Pricing Property, Marketing, Law Finance, Ethics, Management, Advertising, Real Estate Calculator, and Taxation.

Course 102 covers real estate law, legal case studies, and business and personal taxation. Approximately 36 people attended the Institute.

Cheryl Reisner has been a realtor for 10 years and is a member of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors and she currently resides in Chicopee.

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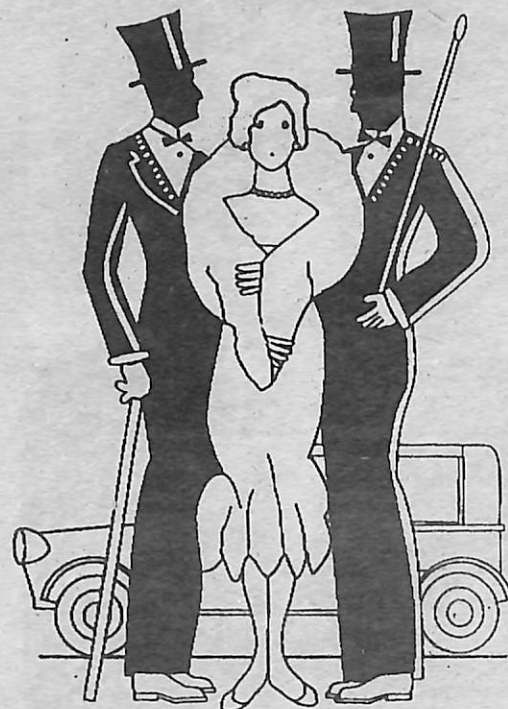
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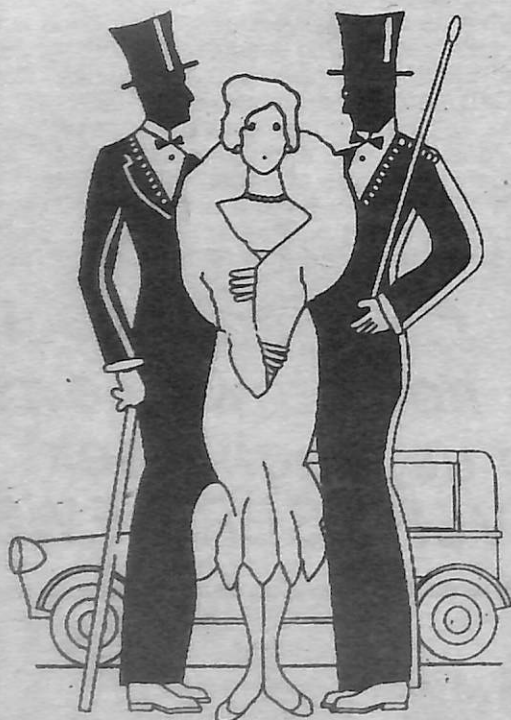
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# For Your Health

## Your Back And Your Health

by Drs. Katherine M. & Joseph S. Schlaffer  
192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA (789-1369)

Why has chiropractic become so popular? What is it about this healing art, science, and philosophy that in less than 100 years, has made it the most widely used natural health profession in the world?

Chiropractic continues to grow because it is effective, safe, and gentle, and because *it respects the body's natural healing and recuperative powers*. As a drug-free, surgery-free alternative, it offers individuals a real choice in health care.

Our bodies possess an inborn intelligence; a wisdom that controls and coordinates all body function and allows good health. Let's examine health and this "wisdom of the body" concept further.

Let me ask you: Are you healthy? What is health? Is health merely feeling good? Is someone who "feels good" one day and is stricken with a heart attack, suffers a stroke, or is diagnosed with cancer the next, really healthy while they're feeling good? Of course not!

Health is much more than the absence of symptoms. Disease occurs when there is a lack of health; that is, a lack of organization and coordination of function (physiology).

So many forms of stress threaten us daily—the onslaught of the elements; the bacteria, viruses, pollen, mold, and fungi in the air; cancer cells with their deranged genetic instructions; pollution and chemicals; cuts, bumps, and bruises; school, work, marriage, babies, bills, a mortgage ... and we must adapt to them all. For if we did not...!

Science has demonstrated that the responsibility of the brain and nerve system is to control and coordinate the function of all cells, tissues, and systems in the body and allow you to adapt to the hostile environment you live in.

This brain, spinal cord, and the billions of fibers that emerge from it, allow you to express health. It reaches and touches every nook and cranny of your body, and through an inborn intelligence uses its vast communication system to control, coordinate, and organize all body parts and functions to create a living, adapting healthy being.

Lack of health occurs when there is an interference to the nerve system. This interference is commonly caused by the vertebral subluxation complex (VSC), also known as spinal nerve stress. Chiropractors are trained to detect and eliminate VSC, allowing a return to good health naturally.

Today, millions of people throughout the world visit their neighborhood doctor of chiropractic to regain health, and to stay healthy.

## CPR Registrations Being Taken By American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has announced that registrations are now being taken for the National "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" courses to be held this winter at the Red Cross facility at 235 Chestnut Street in Springfield.

This course is designed to teach professional rescuers (police, firefighters, lifeguards, EMTs) the skills needed to respond appropriately to respiratory and cardiac emergencies. This course teaches CPR for infants, children, and adults as well as two-rescuer and bag valve mask skills.

Lifeguards, get prepared for summer employment. Material fee is \$62 per participant.

To enroll, either visit the Red Cross Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or call 737-4306 to request an application and schedule.



DONALD A. WILLIAMS (right), president of Westfield Savings Bank, presents a \$5,000 contribution to American Red Cross (Westfield Chapter) Executive Director Richard Rubin.

## Westfield Savings Helps American Red Cross

"The continuing generosity of Westfield Savings Bank has been extremely important in assisting us in providing CPR and Standard First Aid manuals, pocket face masks, and other materials used by staff members and volunteers," stated Richard Rubin, Executive Director of the American Red Cross, Westfield Chapter.

"With our budget cut to the bone, this \$5,000 contribution from Westfield Savings Bank is greatly appreciated. It will be deposited in a

restricted account used to support our many local charities," Rubin continued.

"We feel supporting the valuable work of the Red Cross in our area is a responsibility we are proud to accept," Westfield Savings Bank President Donald A. Williams noted.

"The ongoing work of the Red Cross here and elsewhere is well known. They are always on hand to assist those in need in times of emergency. Now it's our turn to help them," he concluded.

## Cancer Support At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, December 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium A, located on the ground floor.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group facilitator.

Registration is not required. For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Oncology at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 5698.

## Sibling Class Set For Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital will conduct its Sibling Class, December 12th, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., in the Catherine Horan Medical Building, room 115.

The program, aimed at children aged three through 10, is designed to acclimate big brothers and sisters-to-be to the arrival of a new baby. A professional educator uses storytelling, role-playing, and life-sized dolls, and allows ample time for questions and answers.

The perfect format for preparing children for their new roles, the Sibling Class also introduces children to the Family Birthplace, and helps them feel an important part of the birth event.

Registration is required. For more information, call 539-2950.

## Stroke Support Group At Mercy Hospital

The Stroke Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital, will meet December 19th, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group will celebrate the season with food, gifts, and a visit from Santa.

Meetings are free, and open to persons who have had a stroke, their families and friends.

For more information, call the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, (413) 748-6800.

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*For Your Health - continued...*

## Children's Toys Can Be Sources Of Tragedy After Christmas

Give children a gift of fun and safety this holiday season. "Seemingly innocent toys such as marbles and balloons are responsible for thousands of toy-related injuries to children each year. Fortunately, most of these injuries are preventable," said Dr. Edward Bailey, director of Ambulatory Pediatrics at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

When thinking safety first as you purchase a gift for those special children in your life, Bailey offers the following suggestions:

- \* Toys with small, removable parts are hazardous particularly to children under age three
- \* Toys with sharp points or edges may enable children to unintentionally cut or stab themselves or another person
- \* Toys that produce loud noises may permanently harm a child's hearing
- \* Propelled toys should have soft, non-removable ends to prevent eye injury
- \* Electric toys should be used by children who are at least eight years old.

Bailey noted that it's also important to make sure the toy you buy is appropriate for the age and development of the child.

The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition based at Baystate Medical Center offers additional tips for selecting the most suitable toys this season:

\* **Infants to one-year-olds** - At this age, children become more mobile and are at increased risk of suffocation. The most suitable toys for the first year include blocks of wood or plastic, stuffed animals without button noses and eyes, cradle gyms, rattles, mobiles, and squeeze toys.

\* **One- to two-year-old toddlers** - Children have no sense of danger at this age and supervision is important. The best toys for this age group are cloth, plastic, or cardboard books; sturdy dolls with no small, removable parts; large, soft balls; push and pull toys; stacking toys and lightweight toys.

\* **Two- to five-year-old preschoolers** - Children at this age like tests of physical strength and begin to develop skills such as riding a tricycle, increased finger control, and the ability to build with large blocks and construction material. Toys that are most suitable for this age group include wood or plastic building blocks, crayons, finger paints, clay, a small wagon, and outdoor toys such as a sandbox, slide, or swing.

\* **Five- to nine-year old school children** - It is in the early part of this age group that children become creative and more physically active. Recommended toys include swing sets, card games, bicycles, crafts, jump ropes, roller skates, puppets, electric trains, and sports equipment. Check tape recorded and battery operated toys regularly for loose or exposed wires.

## NovaCare Rehab Clinic Sponsoring Free Clinics On Sports Medicine

NovaCare Outpatient Rehabilitation is sponsoring free Sports Medicine Clinics at the Feeding Hills center at 60 North Westfield Street.

These clinics feature free consultative services from area physicians specializing in sports medicine. Subramani Seetharama, M.D., M.S., and Jonathan D. Ellen, M.D. will identify the injury and recommend the proper course of treatment.

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## December Programs Announced By New England Inst. For Stress Management

Dr. Steve Sobel, founder and director of The New England Institute for Stress Management of West Springfield, announces that he will be leading the following seminars this month:

\* **December 9th:** Prolific Customer Service—How To Delight, Attract, and Retain Customers For Increased Profitability and Long-Term Success (full day). \$69 per person.

\* **December 10th:** Saving Our Children—How To Raise Resilient and Capable Children and Youth in a Complex and Challenging World (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon). \$25 per person.

\* **December 13th:** The Ultimate Seminar—"Yes, YOU Can ... How To Live Your Greatest Dream and Get What You Want Out of Life!" \$19 per person.

All programs will take place in West Springfield; call 785-1259 for detailed information and registration form. Contact hours are available for some programs.

For every three that attend, a fourth goes free. Pre-registration is needed.

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**PATRICK F. RUSSO**, founder of Russo Opticians in West Springfield (left), recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award by the New England Contact Lens Society.

## Patrick F. Russo Presented Award As Lifetime Achiever

Patrick F. Russo of Cornflower Drive was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the New England Contact Lens Society at a dinner meeting in Sturbridge in October.

The award, which was presented by the society, recognized his "outstanding professional contribution, achievement, dedication, and vision."

Mr. Russo, founder of Russo Opticians in West Springfield, was instrumental in establishing the New England Contact Lens Society 15 years ago.

The townsman retired from the business four years ago. Russo Opticians is now owned and managed by his son-in-law, Jerry Drudi, and his daughter, Karen Russo Drudi.

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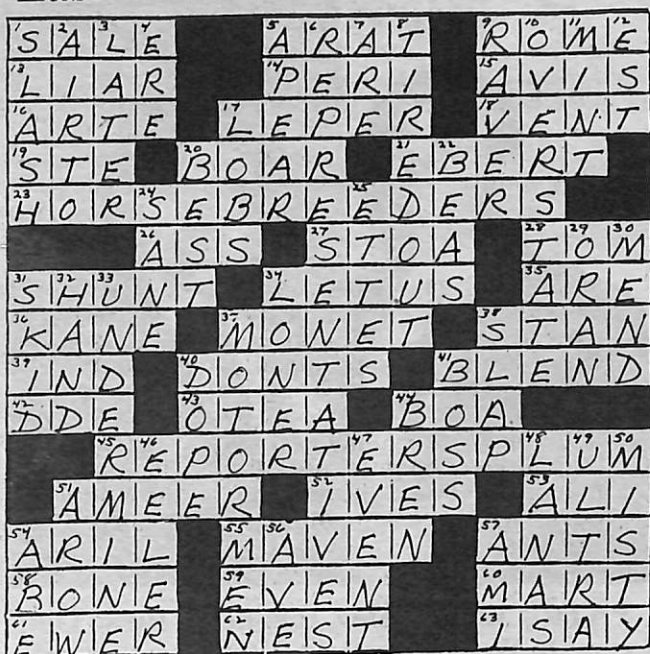
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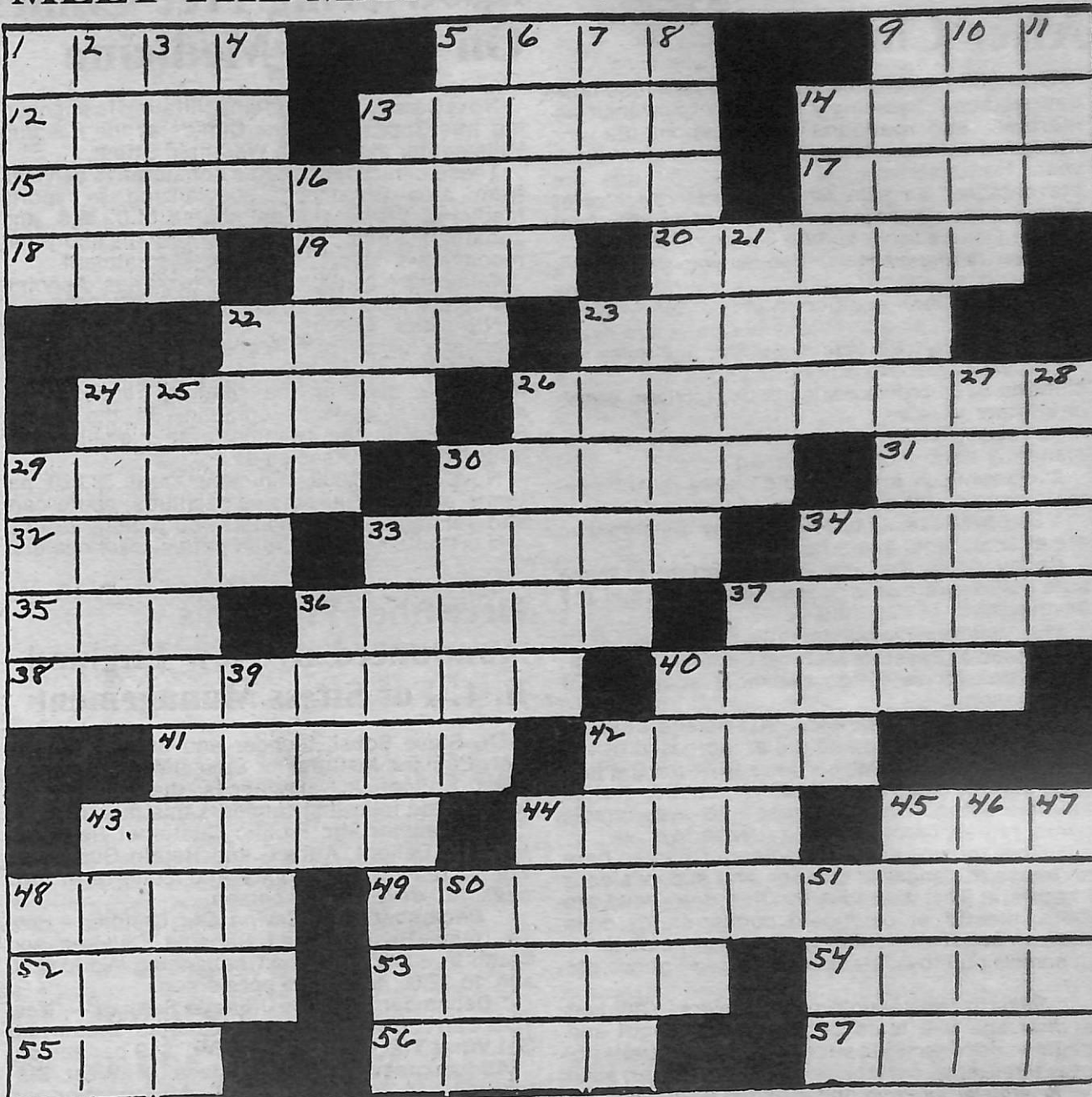
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## Agawam Poetry...

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

### The Wonders of Earth

*Pondering the Earth's Wonders, the why and the how,  
I felt the gentle hand of God upon my troubled brow;  
He soothed my quest for answers, that were His alone,  
And stilled my mind's incessant search, into the  
vast unknown;*

*The things of Earth are fathomed by the gift of seeing,  
But things beyond the Universe, are of celestial being;  
I found solace letting go of every-urgent drive,  
Constantly alluring me, in never-ending strive;*

*Some things belong to God alone, not for the mortal  
mind,  
We must accept what He deems for us, His mysteries,  
leave behind;  
He lived on Earth as one of us, in a cottage, sparse  
and small,  
His humble birth in a manger, was a lowly cattle stall;*

*We know to err is human, and blessed is to give,  
So walk the path that Jesus trod, in every day you live;  
Let Jesus choose what's best for you, don't reach  
beyond the sky,  
For greed and avarice, unchained, can cause the soul  
to die;*

*Hear "the sermon on the mount," and lock it in  
your heart,  
Make "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself," the most  
important part;  
When all goes wrong, you're weary, and parched with  
avid thirst,  
Remember the long and torturous hours, Jesus had  
suffered first;*

*When we see the cross on the hill, and His body  
wracked in pain,  
Suffer the small adversities, we bear with such disdain;  
He uttered not a cry of pain, but endured the whole  
night there,  
He turned His anguished eyes to God, and spoke a  
humble prayer;*

*"Father forgive them, for they know not what  
they do,"  
Then He bowed His head in death, His suffering now  
is through;  
Be grateful for every tiny thing, no matter how great  
or small,  
Thank God for every breath you take and strength  
to rise from fall;*

*Don't wait to see a barefoot waif, be grateful you  
are shod,  
For you could be ill and destitute, if it weren't  
for the grace of God;  
So every morn when you awake, thank God for a  
new-born day,  
And the strength to rise and walk, and see Earth's  
beauties on display;*

*Silence the constant yen for more, be grateful for  
what you possess,  
For all the things of the material world, won't give  
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## Russians Invading Symphony Hall For Date With Springfield Symphony Dec. 10th

The Russians will invade Springfield Symphony Hall Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 p.m. when the Springfield Symphony, led by guest conductor Neal Gittleman, will perform an all-Russian program featuring Russian pianist Sergei Edelmann.

"We are very excited to bring the exhilarating music of three beloved Russian composers to Springfield," said SSO Executive Director Susan Davison. "The music of Rachmaninoff, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Tchaikovsky will all be conducted by the second of four finalists vying to become the fifth Music Director of the SSO," she said.

The second of the final four candidates to fill the shoes of former Music Director Raymond Harvey will be Neal Gittleman, who is the current Associate Conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony and Music Director of Indiana's Marion Philharmonic.

### The Russians Are Coming

Guest artist and pianist Sergei Edelmann has burst upon the North American musical scene following acclaim from Russian audiences. In his native Russia, he participated in his first orchestral concert at the age of 10. Following this debut, he performed each year in recitals and with orchestras throughout Russia, including ap-

pearances in Kiev, Leningrad, and Moscow.

Edelmann's list of orchestral engagements are world class as he has performed with many distinguished international conductors, including Paavo Berglund, Maxim Shostakovich, and Yoel Levi with the orchestras of Paris, London, Amsterdam, and Jerusalem.

The SSO's program of Russian masters will be highlighted by Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture* from *Symphony No. 5*, one of his earliest works.

### The Art Of Giving

The SSO asks all those who are attending this evening's concert to join them in the "Art of Giving," a special donation program to benefit the Open Pantry. Non-perishable food items will be accepted at Old First Church and Symphony Hall.

The concert is sponsored by Coopers & Lybrand and The Wood Family Foundation. All Springfield Symphony concerts are funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Endowment of the Arts, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

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## Education

### AHS Theatre II Class To Present Series Of Zany Comical Skits

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Fans of the zany comedy skits familiar to those of us who couldn't wait each week for Ernestine's "One ringy-dingy, two ringy-dingies," won't want to miss the next performance by Margo Poulin's Theatre II students on Thursday evening, December 15th, in the AHS auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for just \$4 (\$2 for senior citizens).

Culling classic comedy bits from 30 years of television comedy/variety shows, Mrs. Poulin promises a non-stop performance that will keep the momentum going and the audience laughing.

The show's title says it all: "Saturday Night Laugh-In on Thursday" will feature a mix of bits from "Laugh-In," "Saturday Night Live," "The State," as well as original student monologues.

Student director Dan Viens says the show will have skits from the MTV show "The State" that are directed more toward the kids, but skits from "Laugh-In" and "SNL" will definitely appeal to the adults.

Along with student directors Sara Suffriti and Mary-Lynn Scortino, Dan was responsible for finding the skits, typing up the scripts, and casting the show.

"We run the rehearsals, too," Dan said. "That's the major thing—keeping things organized."

He enjoyed his role as a director and having a part in how the show comes out in the end, Dan said.

Stage manager Jen Seybold handled all the technical aspects of the show. Unable to get the actual tapes of the TV skits, Jen was forced to be a little creative in tracking down teachers or students who had seen the skits and could help with the lines.

Because the show has no breaks between acts, Jen will be kept busy backstage during the performance.

"I have to get the cast members changed and ready for the next skit because of the non-stop performance," Jen said. "I think I was chosen as stage manager for my organizational skills."

#### A "Very Funny" Show

Jen predicted a very good show. "It's very funny. I think everyone will like it."

Now a special education teacher in Northampton, Claudine Nofall (AHS class of '89) is returning to the AHS stage as a co-advisor to the student production. Mrs. Poulin remembers Claudine as the nurse in her production of "Romeo and Juliet."

"She (Christine) was very good!" Mrs. Poulin said.

T.J. Gontczaruk is the show's lighting director, and Sarah Platinitis is the sound director. Music will be provided by Genevieve Rose, Justin Casinghino, and Mike Baggetta.

"All the music will be done improvisationally," Mrs. Poulin said. "They'll decide what to play and when."

The set decoration will set the mood for an evening of wacky comedy. Baling twine will be strung across the stage and hung with clothes, shoes, tin cans ... anything goofy they can find.

"You name it, we'll have it. Any dumb thing we can find," Mrs. Poulin said. "The set should look weird."

Arte Johnson was wrong. This is interesting—but funny!

### Agawam High's PTSO To Sponsor Alumni Rock 'N Roll Revue

The Agawam High School PTSO will be sponsoring an Alumni Rock 'N Roll Revue to benefit the high school library. The show will be held on January 6, 1995.

Advance tickets will be \$5, and tickets at the door will be \$6. The performers in the show will be alumni from many different classes of Agawam High School.

For more information about the show, performers, or ticket sales, please contact Addie Hume at 747-8915 before December 20, 1994; or at 786-1839 after December 20, 1994.

Best local news...



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Theatre II students are preparing for a zany night of comedy on Thursday, December 15th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Annual Xmas Concert At Bay Path College On December 14th

Bay Path College will hold its annual Christmas Concert and Service of Lights on Wednesday, December 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall on the Longmeadow campus.

The event is open to the public with no charge for admission.

Under the direction of Charles E. Page, the college's Chorale and Chamber Singers will present a medley of holiday music during the ecumenical program, which also features seasonal readings by the college chaplains and students of the Interfaith Council.

### Ag. Public Library Invites Toddlers To "In A Mouse House"

Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged 2½ and up are invited with their parents to the Agawam Public Library for "In A Mouse House."

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**Wednesday, December 14th:** Meatballs and spaghetti, bread & butter, Italian vegetables, apple crisp, milk.

**Thursday, December 15th:** Oven-baked turkey nuggets, whipped potatoes, peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, rosy applesauce or watermelon jello with topping, milk.

**Friday, December 16th:** Grilled cheese sandwich with pickle chips, oven potato puffs with catsup, raw carrot curls, chocolate pudding, milk.

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## Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo  
Chairman

### PSAT Results

For the next few weeks, over 200 sophomores and juniors will receive their test results of the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) along with their test booklet.

I strongly urge parents to read the easy-to-understand score report since it is an excellent educational planning tool. The new score report provides personalized score information and item analyses, as well as guidance information based on a student's designated college major: a description, recommended high school courses, skills and interests associated with success in the major, alternate majors, and related careers.

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- get all they can from their score reports;
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- understand entry to scholarship program; and...
- plan for college.

For juniors, the next test experience will be the SAT-1, which they will take in May 1995. Our counseling staff will review with their juniors their PSAT results and make suggestions for preparing for the SAT-1.

One proven way of improving one's scores is taking an SAT preparation course. In March, such a course will be offered through the Agawam

Adult Education program. More details about this course will be given to students and parents in February.

If you have any questions about your son or daughter's scores, feel free to contact his/her guidance counselor.

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### GUIDANCE BULLETIN

**COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES** - If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

**December 13th:** UMASS/Stockbridge, 10:00 a.m.

**December 15th:** Bridgewater State, 10:15 a.m.

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### OPEN HOUSES

**Union College Information Reception:** December 11th, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Springfield Marriott.

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## Jessica Liptak In Elms College Recital

Piano students of Galina Gertsenzon at Elms College will give a recital, December 11th at 12:30 p.m. in O'Leary Hall. The public is invited to attend without charge.

Taking part in the recital is Jessica Liptak of Feeding Hills.

The recital program will include classical solos, duets, and ensembles, as well as Christmas songs and arrangements. Selections from Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Pachelbel, and other composers will be performed.

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# AHS "Top 40" Again Big Hit

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

If you happened to miss the recent Top 40 Show showcasing the musical talents of Agawam High School students, not to worry. Three more shows are planned for later in the year.

Under the direction of music teacher Stephen Files, and the father/son production team of Bob and Justin Casinghino, the show culminated two months of intensive effort to bring a crowd-pleasing rock and roll review to the AHS stage.

Presented on Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th, the show traditionally presents hard-rocking numbers for a predominantly student audience at the first performance and a more family-oriented (translation: tamer) show for parents at the second show.

While nothing is formally stated, Files said it's understood that the Friday show is more family oriented. "We try to keep the hard rocker tunes for the Thursday show."

Of the 50 acts auditioning for the show, Files said about 30 acts are accepted. The only criteria is that they sing on key, Files said.

A visit to the dress rehearsal found student lighting directors **Jeff Daigneau**, **Meagen Moriarty**, and **Eric Binder** ironing out last minute details, while student instrumental director **Justin Casinghino** worked on the arrangements for the brass section, dubbed "Hammy's Horns."

Nicknamed the Hammer, Justin led his horn section in rehearsing his version of the Harry Connick, Jr. tune, "I only Whispered Your Name." "Hammy's Horns" include **Dan Hendrix** and **Mike Perry** on trombone, **Rob Parslow** on trumpet, and **Dave Cassanelli** on baritone sax.

As the show's instrumental director, Justin was responsible for rehearsing the show's acts while his dad, Bob, served as the show's technical advisor and prepared the charts for each instrumental musician for all of the show's acts.

With six years experience putting AHS shows together, Bob Casinghino predicted an excellent show for the audience this year. Casinghino credited his son (as the instrumental director), with ironing out the kinks to make for a smoother show this year.

Files agreed. "Justin has done a great job."

Justin credited the caliber of the musicians with the success of the show.

"I had a group of talented musicians who learned their parts well," Justin said. "They've worked very hard."

Asked how he liked working with his dad, Justin said, "I love working with my Dad. He's my idol. What I didn't get genetically, I learned from him."

A member of the varsity football team as well as a reporter for the school newspaper, Justin, a junior, is looking forward to majoring in music in college with a second major in journalism.

"I want to be a jazz musician and maybe teach," Justin said. "My dream is to play. I do a lot of writing, mostly jazz pieces for small instrumental groups."

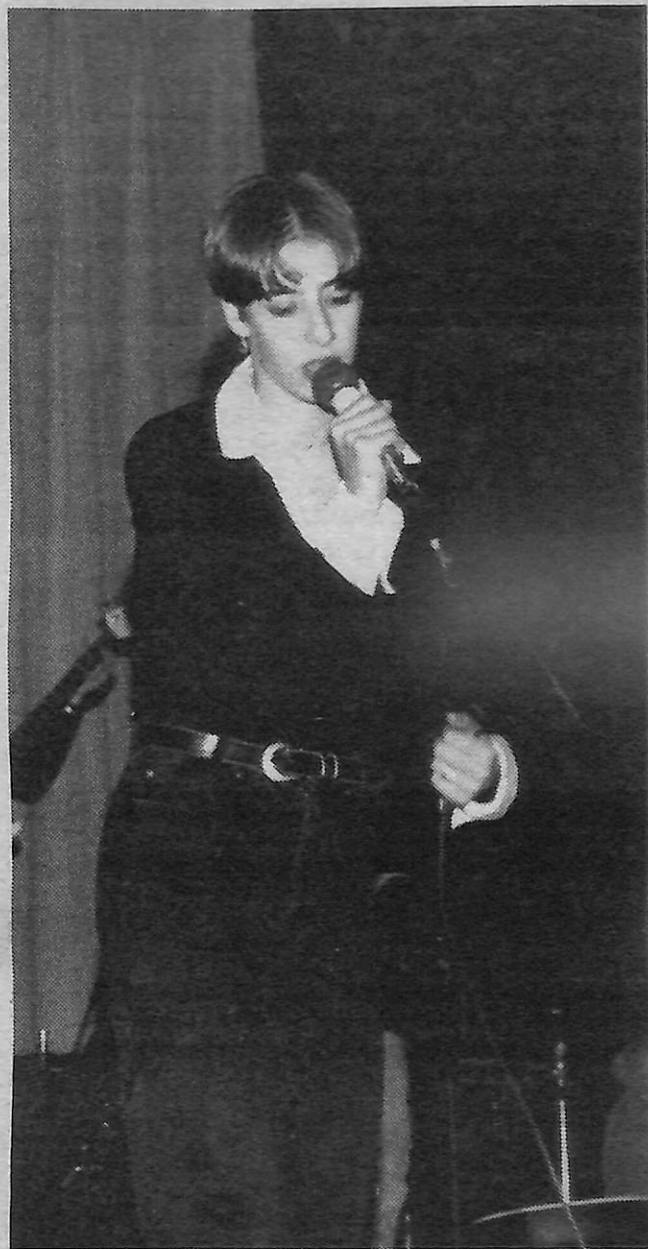
Bitten by the acting bug after appearing in a film produced by his cousin, Carl, while a film student in college, Justin doesn't rule out the possibility of acting in his future plans.

Providing back-up instrumentals for the show were students **Mike Baggetta**, **Dave DelloRusso**, **Joe Cecchetelli**, **Genevieve Rose**, **Matt Bulmer**, **Alan Kinsley**, **Justin Casinghino**, **Jeff Daigneau**, **Mike Daigneau**, and "the many, the myth, the math teacher," **John Bikowski**.

The Friday night audience was entertained by

numbers featuring Files' Choreography I and II classes as well as songs by **Aurelia Andrioli**, **Michelle Ingalls**, **Alison Scherban**, **Jessica Sassarone**, **Kerri Prine**, **Theresa Brown**, **Irene Brown**, **John Higgins**, **Alisha Mattex**, **Justin Casinghino**, **Chris Bousquet**, **Jim Crowley**, **Suzanne Brown**, **Jeff Pavelcsyk**, **Shannon Gilmartin**, **Julie Hendrix**, **Maureen Briere**, **Steve Sands**, and **Jeff Daigneau**.

Emcees for the evening were **Missy Sheehan**, **Tony Aussant**, **Tony Russo**, and **Diane Parslow**.



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS Alisha Mattex (left) and Aurelia Andrioli showcase their singing talents at the Agawam High School "Top 40" Concert. SEE RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam High 1994 "Top 40" Concert



**THE BROWN GIRLS**, Irene (left) and Theresa perform at the Agawam High School "Top 40" concert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ALISON SCHERBAN** belts out a solo at the Agawam High School "Top 40" concert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**JUSTIN CASINGHINO** was the keyboard specialist at the Agawam High School "Top 40" concert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ERIC BINDER** (left) and **JEFFREY DAIGNEAU** served as ticket-sellers at the Agawam High School "Top 40" concert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Springfield Symphony Sends Visiting Artists To Agawam Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

A performance of chamber music by symphony orchestra musicians brings to mind images of formal dress and the hushed, sedate atmosphere of an ornate concert hall.

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet recently put that myth to rest as they packed up their instruments and spent a morning in a whirlwind trip to each of Agawam's elementary schools.

Led by tuba player Steve Perry, the group met with the town's fourth graders in informal sessions so that the students could interact with the musicians, learn more about their instruments, and listen to excerpts of chamber music.

At Granger School, the students found seats on the gym floor as they gathered around the quintet for an entertaining and informative session.

The musicians' enthusiasm, as well as their artistry, held the children captive for nearly an hour as they gave a brief history of each instrument and performed selections featuring trumpet, trombone, horn, and tuba.

The children were encouraged to use their imaginations to hear the horns become the sights and sounds of a forest, two dancers spinning ever faster, and the sound of distant drums.

Before playing "The Great Crush Collision March," Perry told the story behind the Scott Joplin piece. It commemorates a publicity stunt that went awry on a summer day in Texas (1984). Two freight trains collided as planned. Unfortunately, the resulting explosion sent metal fragments flying through the air into a crowd of 50,000 people.

"We're going to have our own musical collision," Perry told the children. "It will be very loud, but I promise our instruments won't explode!"

Music teacher Sylvia Starkie said the visit from the musicians served a dual purpose for her students. First, the performance helps prepare them for their spring field trip to the SSO Youth



**SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY PERFORMERS** Dana Russian (trumpet), Hans Bohn (trombone), Steve Perry (tuba), Louisa Damiano (horn), and Gerry Serfass (trumpet) perform at Granger School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Concert. Also, the children get a chance to see and hear the instruments they may choose to play in the fifth grade band when they move up to the Middle School.

Perry said the quintet serves as "ambassadors of good will" for the SSO. The group has been

travelling to area schools as part of the SSO's Music Matters Outreach Program for about 10 years.

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## AHS Class Of 1989 To Hold 5-Year Reunion

The five-year reunion for the Agawam High School class of 1989 will be held Saturday, January 14th, at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

There will be a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner. The choices for dinner include prime rib, baked stuffed breast of capon, and baked stuffed shrimp.

If you have information regarding the address of the following classmates, please call Julie Dialessi at 786-2768:

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## Free Info Night Set For Bay Path College On December 15th

Bay Path College will hold a free information night for women age 25 and over who are interested in beginning or continuing a college education.

The event will take place on Thursday, December 15th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the Longmeadow campus. Participants will not only hear from representatives in Bay Path's admissions, financial aid, and registrar's offices, but will also have the opportunity to meet the college's new president, Dr. Carol A. Leary, and learn about Bay Path's Half-Tuition Program for the first two courses available to new continuing education students.

The information night is intended for women who wish to enroll in college on a full or part-time basis. Transfers are welcome and women with previous college credits are encouraged to bring copies of their transcripts for evaluation.

To register for this informative evening, please call the Bay Path Admissions Office at (413) 567-0621 or outside the 413 area: 1-800-782-7284.

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Parents who wish to enroll their children in kamp should either stop by Fitness First or call the club at 786-1460. Flyers will be going home from school with each elementary child next week.

## Phelps PTO Sponsors Annual Sing-A-Long On December 14th

Benjamin J. Phelps PTO will present the fifth Annual Holiday Town Sing-A-Long and Tree Lighting, Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m., at the Veterans' Green, Phelps School.

Spend an evening sharing this old-fashioned tradition with family and friends. Paul Sutton, Channel 40 weatherman and Agawam resident, will lead the group in song.

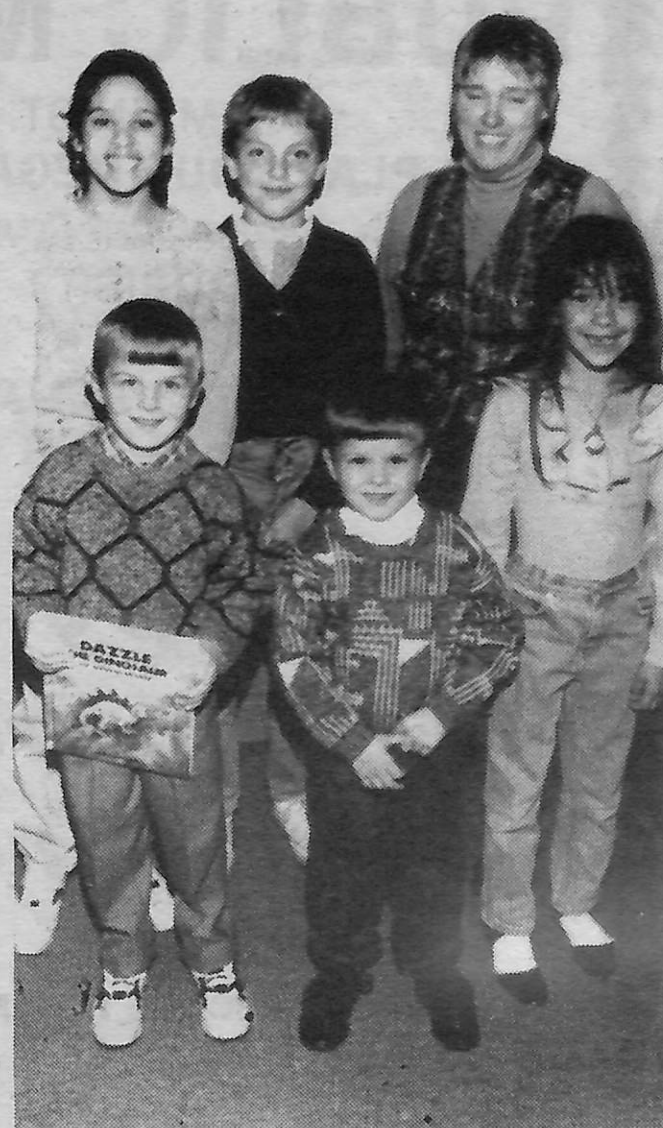
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Dress warm and bring your holiday spirit! Bring a flashlight. Songsheets will be provided. Hot beverages will be available in the Phelps School Auditorium.

Food items and new, unwrapped toys will be collected for Holiday Baskets prepared by the Agawam Junior Women's Club for town families in need.

The Sing-A-Long will be held in Phelps School Auditorium in case of inclement weather.

## Book Week

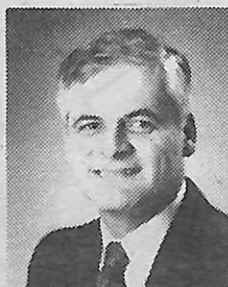


THE ESL STUDENTS of Susan Mutti at Granger School visited the Agawam Public Library during Children's Book Week. From left - Jessica Orellana, Artur Nowik, Mrs. Mutti, Sergey Zuev, Roman Zuev, and Gizzette Rodriquez. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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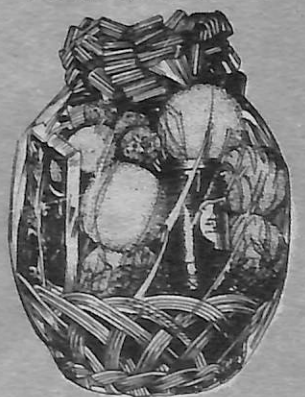
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## Sports

Where Are They Now?...

# Former AHS Running Back Jay Wooley Enters Workforce After Starry Career At WPI

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

One of the most exciting athletes ever to strap on the brown and orange at Agawam High School was Jason Wooley. From 1987 to 1989, Jason played tailback for the football Brownies. If you had the good fortune to see him play, you saw one of the best running backs ever to come down the pike in these parts.

Jason wasn't big. He stood 5'7" and tipped the scales at 165 pounds. He described himself then as a "slashing" type of runner. "I always tried to find some way to get around people, rather than go through them," he says. Then he added that he used his 4.6 speed to outrun a lot of defenders.

He wore number 22 at Agawam. But that wasn't the number he really wanted. "I liked 44 because back in Illinois (where I started out), the hometown football hero wore that number. But it was taken on the Agawam football team, so I halved it and that's how I came to wear 22."

Jason, who had over 3,000 career yards rushing at Agawam, has many good memories of his days with the Brownies. Three stand out.

"Going over the 1,000 yard mark for rushing in a season in my sophomore year against West Springfield on Thanksgiving Day in 1987 was nice," he notes. (Agawam won that game by the way, 48-6. It would be Jason's only Turkey Day win over the Terriers in his three varsity years.)

He picks the Westfield game in his sophomore season as another highlight of his career. He scored both Brownie TD's and rushed for over 200 yards in that one. "It was a controversial game," Jason noted. "We ended up in a 13-all tie after our quarterback and place kicker, John Serra, missed an extra point that would have won it for us."

"But the kick was clearly," he added. "That tie knocked us out of a possible slot at the Super Bowl." (Westfield would go on to beat Greenfield in the Division One Super Bowl that year, 35-14.)

### "Defining" Jason's Mind Set

Another memory that perhaps defines Jason's mind set as an outstanding athlete came in 1989, his senior year. It was a loss to Westfield.

"According to the papers, we had no right to even be on the same field with them. They were too big, too fast, and too tough for us." It might also be mentioned that at the time, the Bombers were unbeaten. Here's what happened.

Agawam, behind Wooley, who had over 20 yards rushing, played vicious football. They were up in the fourth quarter, 26-21, in that game they had no right to be in. The battle raged into the last 10 minutes. The Brownies, every last one of them (as Jason says), "were playing on pure guts." You could put it another way, I guess—the tank was empty. The eyes were glazed, but the snarl was still there.

Jason took the handoff at his own 35 yard line and, while attempting a cut on third and one, slipped on the muddy field. Agawam punted and the Bombers took it down the field; with 10 seconds left, they scored. The final was 27-26, Westfield. (Westfield, despite being big, bad, and tough, would lose in 1989. Cathedral beat them to earn a spot in the Super Bowl. The Panthers then went on in the Super Bowl, beating Greenfield, 35-28.)

Jason Wooley ended his high school career with honors, both athletically and academically. In his senior year, he was an All-Western Mass selection at tailback. he was named All-League as a junior. His greatest influence during his years at Agawam focused on one man—Coach Joe Modzelewski, a physical education teacher at AHS.

Jason said of his coach: "He never changed his philosophy of coaching. He never yelled at you for making a physical mistake on the field. His approach to the game, whether you won or lost, was always the same. He was there to teach a lesson that was more than winning, even though winning was his job as a coach. But he went beyond that. He taught lessons in life. His contribution to sports at Agawam High was important to me."

The coach had high praise for his running back. "I stepped back, every now and then, and looked at him. He was the all-American kid. If a couple could have decided on a child and had that child made to order, it would have been Jason Wooley," Modzelewski said.

### Jason Was Recruited By Three Schools

Jason was recruited out of high school by three prestigious institutions: Holy Cross, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), and Amherst College. Just those names should tell you that the kid had more than chopped liver up there on the bridge. He was all set to go to Holy Cross, where he would have played under Mark Duffner.

Duffner took over a successful program at HC

after head Coach Rick Carter killed himself. Carter was a product of then-Chancellor Father Brooks, who'd hyped the football program. He not only hired Carter and allotted more athletic scholarships than ever before, but expanded the stadium (called Fitton Field) to 30,000 seats.

When the Chancellor saw the great success of the team under Carter, he decided that football should not be bigger than the school and blew out the program, scholarships and all. Therefore, Jason chose WPI.

This story about this kid becomes even more fantastic. WPI is one of the most outstanding engineering schools in America. They recruited Jason away from Holy Cross and Amherst. They

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He became even better in college than he'd been in high school. Remember now, he was up against players who were bigger, faster, and stronger. They came from all over the place. They were as smart as him and as dedicated. And Jason had to juggle football with studies. There was little time for sleep. Yet, in our interview, he

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FORMER AGAWAM HIGH star running back Jason Wooley runs past a West Springfield defender in the famous "Snow Bowl" Thanksgiving game.

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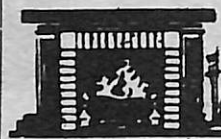
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# MIAA Puts Lid On Trash Talk At Games

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has developed new and more stringent standards prohibiting the verbal insults and taunts which violate the spirit of good sportsmanship and often spark physical confrontations between opposing players.

Effective for all sports with the start of the winter sports season, athletes and coaches, as well as spectators, can be penalized for comments or actions intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others, regardless of whether the words or actions are vulgar or racist.

In a memo to MIAA members, principals, athletic directors, and officials, Executive Director Richard F. Neal states, "This initiative is driven to ensure that 'educational athletics' include fundamental lessons in citizenship and a respect for human dignity."

Neal urges principals and athletic directors to meet with coaching staff to discuss the "letter and spirit" of the new policy and to carefully communicate the policy to their student athletes before the winter season begins.

Also forbidden is conduct "that berates, needles, intimidates, or threatens on the basis of race, gender, ethnic origin. Also, conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family, special needs, or personal matters."

"Trash talk" of a personal nature likely to provoke an altercation or physical response and "in your face" confrontations outside the spirit of the game are also banned.

## Offenders Will Be Disqualified

Officials of all sports are to consider taunting as an unsportsmanlike foul that disqualifies the offender, whether on the bench or in the game or contest, from that day's competition.

Game officials are being told to apply the new standards above and beyond the code governing their sport as the new policy supercedes the rules of the sport.

Spectators used to hurling verbal barbs at players, coaches, officials, or other spectators will find themselves ejected from the game unless they learn to put a lid on it before the winter season begins.

Spectators will be given one warning for taunting before they are ejected from the game or tournament.

School Committee member Teresa Kozloski praised the new standards, especially the section dealing with spectators. However, she felt the spectators didn't deserve a warning before being ejected for what she termed "harassing" behavior.

"That's where you have the problem, especially at basketball games with everyone sitting so close," Mrs. Kozloski said.

"They (MIAA) call it 'taunting,'" Mrs. Kozloski said. "I call it harassing."

School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau suggested the new rules be announced before the start of games so that the spectators would be aware of them. Mrs. Galarneau also suggested additional ethics training for the coaches.

## Training Available

Committee member Louise David said training sponsored by the National Youth Sports Coaching Association, first brought to Agawam by Middle School Assistant Principal Louis Conte, was valuable for both coaches and their athletes. In addition to focusing on issues of good sportsmanship and ethics, the training teaches coaches how to handle the kids, Mrs. David said. "It teaches them how to be coaches."

Mrs. David added, "Perhaps, it (NYSCA training) could be recommended every time a coach comes on board who doesn't already have the training."

Mrs. Kozloski brought the new standards to the committee's attention at their November 29th meeting.

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## JASON WOOLEY - from Page 49...

said without reservation that he would go to WPI all over again.

Here's why. I'll start out with his records as a collegian. He played some in his freshman year, which was 1990. He started the last game of that year. The opponent was MIT. He rushed for 311 yards in a rainstorm. He did it on 45 attempts. He says of that performance, "It was muddy. It was my kind of day. I knew I was going to get the football."



**JASON WOOLEY shattered all kinds of NCAA and school records while running for WPI.**

He set a record then as a freshman. He rushed for 1,283 yards. It was a single season accomplishment. He scored 26 points. He set an NCAA rush-per-game record of 148.6 yards. Okay, let's go with his other collegiate records. They are many.

When his career at WPI was done, he had 3,861 yards rushing. He had 732 rushing attempts. Jason scored 338 points in his career. He set a

single season record for scoring as a freshman with 116 points. He has the mark for rushing attempts as a freshman. That stands at 222 carries.

Jason was first team All-New England as a freshman, sophomore, and senior. As a freshman, he was the ECAC Rookie Of The Year. As a sophomore, he was the Coca-Cola Division Two and Three player of the year. His senior year saw him come in as the third all-time scorer in New England college football history.

You might wonder why we don't mention Jason's junior year at WPI. He had a shoulder injury that was severe enough to keep him out of competition from the fourth game on in that season.

He wore number 22 at WPI, and his outstanding moments were winning the first two Freedom Football Conference Championships against Plymouth State (in his junior and senior seasons). He's disappointed at not being able to play in his junior year in the Division Three national championship game against Glassboro State.

## Graduates With Industrial Engineering Degree

Jason graduated from WPI last spring with a degree in industrial engineering. He lives in Agawam and now works for Martin Marietta in Pittsfield. It's a big defense contractor. Jason's job there is with a team that looks at the company's overall operations and then recommends ways they can further streamline production. It's a job that requires responsibility. Jason, who's only 22, must have impressed somebody.

Jason isn't married yet. He fills his time now with as much competition as he can. He lift weights. He plays basketball whenever he gets the opportunity. He plays baseball in the Tri-County League for the Agawam Auto School. He still weighs in at a muscular 175 pounds. He comes back for the big ones. "I saw the Thanksgiving Day game this year, and I always go back for homecoming and my fraternity get-togethers at WPI," he says.

Now, one other thing; as a sports reporter, I would be remiss not to address this. Jason Wooley had a unique talent. That talent is running with a football. Many coaches have told me, many times, that there are guys out there who are 6'3" and 240 pounds who run the 40 in 4.3. But they lack one thing. They have no mind for it. Talent does not always carry the day. Desire does. Just go and talk to the Giants' Dave Magget (he's 5'7", 180 pounds).

I asked Jason if he thought he could play professional football. He paused, then told me that right out of college, he'd been contacted by an agent who told him the Jets (a Canadian football team as well as a team in the World Football League) were interested in him.

I didn't know what to say. A career move like that is monumental. Jason finally said, and maybe with a bit of regret, "I didn't follow up. I'll always wonder if I could have made it as a pro. I'll always think about it. But I also have to let it go."

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## Agawam "Iron Man" Tom DeLuca Loves Triathlons

by Dave Rollins  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Without question, two of the most grueling and challenging sports where a person can compete are the triathlon and its big brother, the iron man competition. Agawam has a man who's done both. He's Tom DeLuca, 39, married and the father of two young boys.

Tom started competing in triathlons three years ago at the age of 36. He entered his first iron man event last September 17th on Martha's Vineyard, where he finished in a time of 12 hours and 25 minutes, a time that put him in the top third in the field of 400 participants.

To get an idea of just what Tom has accomplished in these disciplines, it's necessary to understand just what they involve. The triathlon encompasses three events: a swim that covers from a quarter to a half mile; a cycling portion which can go 11 to 17 miles; and three to four mile run.

And if that's not enough, the iron man meets are positively mind-boggling. They include a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bicycle ride, and a full blown marathon. You know, like the kind they run in Boston, New York, and other places. The faint of heart and frail of will need not apply.

Tom went to West Springfield High School where he participated in swimming. It was his only competitive sport. Yet he feels that the time he spent swimming, from age seven to 17, set the stage for his triathlete and iron man exploits.

"There was a span of 20 years when I didn't compete in anything," he notes. "But I was cycling a lot, and I got up to the 100 mile distance range doing that. Plus, I was working out at a health club. Some of my friends were competing in triathlons as well. So, in the end, the decision to compete sort of crept up on me."

### Dedication A Must

Tom, who is 5'11" and 165 pounds, feels there are certain considerations a person must have if they want to be a triathlete. "You have to be dedicated," he says. Another quality that helps is discipline, according to Tom.

But perhaps the most important thing of all is a positive mind set. The sport, by its nature, demands a high threshold of pain, Tom observes. "You can make things as stressful or as enjoyable as you want if you keep reminding yourself that you are competing in your age group," (Tom is in the 35-39 age group), "and not against the younger people."

Then he pointed out what he thinks is the key for him. "You compare yourself to yourself from year to year. If you can better your performances over time, you'll thoroughly enjoy the sport."

He also gets a lot of support from his wife, Pat, and his two sons, Tommy, who is 10, and Joey, who is seven. As a matter of fact, Joey is a bud-

ding triathlete. He's been competing for two years, first in the six and under group and now in the eight and under class. "He's my biggest fan," Tom smiles.

Tom feels last September's iron man competition on the Vineyard was special. Without hesitation, he says, "It was the most amazing experience of my life." He plans on doing it again next year. "I want to break 12 hours this time out." He also admitted that participating in triathlons were stepping stones to his iron man competition. "The iron man was always my secret ambition," he said.

Tom feels cycling is his strongest event in the triathlon, followed by swimming, and running. Because of that, he trains extra hard on the latter. And to get ready for competition, he cross-trains. This cross-training includes working out on weights, workouts on the Nordic Track machine, cross country skiing, rowing, and aerobics. His job as a food broker also gives him the necessary time to get in all that training. "The summers in my line of work are usually light," he noted. "Summers are when you get in your most intense workouts."

Part of his training includes eating right. He stresses a low fat, nutritionally correct diet, which includes lots of protein and carbohydrates. During his training last summer for the iron man competition, he says he was loading up on 3,000-4,000 calories a day. But he noted that he didn't gain an ounce. Perhaps that's because towards the end of his training, every week saw him swim six to seven miles, cycle 150 miles, and run 45 miles.

### Sights Set For Hawaii

So far, the sport has taken him throughout New England. But he has his sights set on another place. He wants to compete in the world's premier iron man event in Hawaii. Getting to "Aloha Land" has a special significance for Tom. His hero in the world of iron men is triathlon professional Dave Scott. "The Great Scott" has won Hawaii six times. He retired at 37, then came back this year at age 40 and finished second.

In this age of physical fitness, many folks might want to get into the sport. Tom has some advice for them. "Start small, have modest ambitions,

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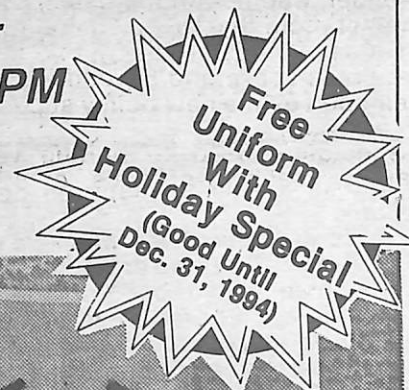
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TOM DELUCA of Agawam competes in the cycling portion of a recent triathlon.

## A Personal Perspective On Sports...

## Let's Hear It For "True Sports Fans"

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

I remember a time in the early 1960's when you could go down to Fenway Park, and almost without exception, sit in just about any seat in the house.

I'm talking bleachers, grandstands, baselines, even, on occasion, an unoccupied box seat. It was glorious then. The nearest group of fans might be 10 seats over and three rows down from your group.

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You could soak up the sun, enjoy a hotdog and a cold drink in relative peace and harmony, and enjoy the exquisite yet simple pleasures of baseball. And despite all of its troubles, it was then and still is the purest of games.

We watched guys like Pete Runnels, Frank Malzone, Sammy White, Don "Booter" Buddin', Jackie Jensen, and an outgoing Ted Williams. A kid called "Yaz" was also making a name for himself back then.

They would perform that timeless athletic ballet for us. And you could purchase all that pleasure for just about peanuts. Those days saw the zenith of true sports fandom in these parts. Little did we know that the end of it was just over the Citgo sign blazing beyond the leftfield wall.

That end came in 1967 when the 100-1 Red Sox went out and won the American League Pennant. We didn't know it then, but the true fans were cooked. You see, playoff tickets became available.

And we, in our naivete, went down to Fenway to purchase our tickets (as we usually did). Here's how it went, and I can remember it like it happened only a few hours ago.

"We'd like six for the first base line." We'd pick the first base line because the BoSox dugout was along there. And though we were a distance away, we were within hailing distance of the players.

Here's the response: *Sorry, we have none. All sold out.* There was a pause. We smiled. *"Okay, could we get six in the grandstand?"* *"Sorry, all sold out."* Then the final request went like this: *"We'd like bleacher seats."* (You see, back then, you bought a ticket out there and you could sit anywhere you wanted.) *"Sorry, none left. Sorry."*

Here's where it went all bad. We were true fans of the Sox. Our fathers had brought us to the games, as had their fathers and their fathers before them. It was a rite of passage between fathers and sons; between generations of true fans.

We went ourselves when we got old enough to drive a car. Then we drove our fathers there - those fine men who'd become too sick to drive to Boston but who still had enough of the child in them to worship the game. They were, for the most part, blue collar guys. They slaved to make life better for us. It was a bond that never could be broken.

**Suffered With The Team**

We might go on to become CEO's, presidents, doctors, lawyers, or even sports reporters. But all of us suffered with this team and those like it. Being a true fan and being able to attend those long ago games molded us as far as sports go.

We saw Mantle and Maris and Whitey Ford come in and humiliate the Sox, and guys from the other teams, too. But we survived. We weren't fickle. We loved the game. We knew it for what it was. This team was ours. And remember one thing - this wasn't some exclusive club. This was not all show and no go. We did this out of love for something we knew was special.

Then they showed up. Those that snapped up all those tickets. They came in and ruined the dream at that time and place. They continue to do it now. They are the fair weather fans. They are the people who never paid the price. They are the people who wouldn't know a baseball, a football, a basketball, or hockey puck from a Swedish meatball.

Their philosophy isn't "we go for the love of

sport or team." Theirs is a degenerate offspring. It is this: *"We go to be seen. We go because it's the thing to do."*

Let me put this into perspective. I had friends once, a couple, who were fairly well off. They lived on Beacon Hill. They were into the Boston social swirl. They were into the Museum of Fine Arts, The Aquarium, The Market Place, and political balls. I don't think either of them (he's a lawyer; she's a social worker), ever gave thought number one to baseball.

They got tickets to all the playoff games and the World Series. I asked why they wanted to go? Susan told me in no uncertain terms, *"Because it's big and it's Boston."*

The ticket prices didn't necessarily go up then because the Sox brass were still in shock over their team's good fortune. Adn owner Tom Yawkey, a true humanitarian and a true good guy, didn't want ticket prices to go up. But the people who stepped up to buy them were not the folks who had supported the team through the multitude of lean years. None of us could get a ticket.

If you weren't a politician, a member of some important board of directors, a social climber, or a mover and shaker, you might as well kiss it all goodbye.

The baselines held women in furs and politicians chomping on cigars. The grandstands had men in suits accompanied by well-tended women. The bleachers saw hale and hearty fellows fresh out of Harvard and MIT with their squeaky clean sneakers.

What about the box seats? Many who'd gone without and saved to buy them were run off under some pretense of "the right of the club to administrate attendance."

What that meant was that some big shot could sit there. And the little guy be damned. I know this sounds slightly bitter. But it happened. And I know the true sports fans, baseball or otherwise, who are reading this know exactly what I'm talking about.

Let's move on. The Patriots were on orphan team, taken to the breasts of but a few die-hard fans. They were a mongrel team born in a mongrel league. They were called The Boston Patriots. But few from Boston would embrace them. They played at Fenway Park, Boston University, and at Boston College.

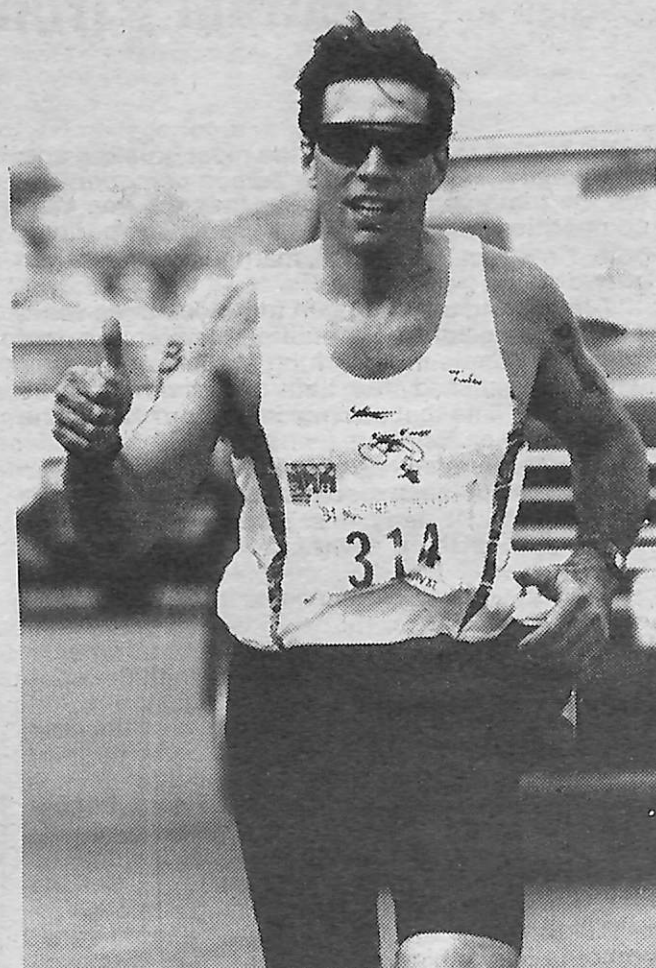
Their fans, and there were a lot of them even so, went anywhere to see them play. When they finally got that stadium in Foxboro (called Schaeffer Stadium back then, after the beer), the true fans went.

What they got at the outset were horrendous traffic jams, bathrooms that overflowed, concessions that served barely edible food, and security people who spent most of their time at those concession stands instead of in the stands that held the fans.

But it all worked out because the true football fans were there. We baked our buns on the aluminum seats during the preseason and early season games. We froze up and stuck to them when the weather got cold and ugly.

But you could always find a seat there, even when they went to the '86 Super Bowl. The reason was as simple as a cookout in the parking lot; people who cared about the team and the game attended it all. The fashionable, fair weather fans stayed away.

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**THUMBS UP** from Tom DeLuca of Agawam when competing in a triathlon at Martha's Vineyard.

TOM DELUCA - from Page 51...

and go watch some triathlons to get a sense of the people who participate in them. If you like what you see, you might want to start out on a team basis with some friends. That way, each of you could do one of the three events that make up the sport."

But perhaps the most important bit of advice Tom could pass along had to do with the personal side of the sport. "Don't be intimidated by it. Don't be afraid. When I competed in the iron man on the Vineyard, I could have seen nothing but 12 hours of pain stretching ahead of me. Instead, I thought of the event in short segments, each one a personal challenge. That mindset made the whole thing tremendously satisfying."

Tom feels that as people become more aware of health and physical fitness, the number of participants in the sport will increase. That will mean more competition for him. But he doesn't mind. Tom's toughest opponent is himself. As long as he can continue to improve, he'll be happy.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—  
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### Hunting IS Good Exercise!!!

From spending nearly three weeks in the woods in Vermont, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, I have trimmed myself down from 186 pounds to 165. I couldn't do this by having brisk walks along our roadways inhaling the emission fumes from the speeding cars. Hunting does have some beneficial sides to it, regardless of what people think as they lay on their couch looking at TV.

I knew, from my observations while bowhunting in Massachusetts, that the deer population was down in areas that had large concentrations of deer last year. The sign was just not there. I talked to log cutters this fall and they remarked that they found many skeletons in the woods they were working. Last winter's snowfall did a number on the deer population. It came and lasted so long that the already stressed deer just couldn't handle it.

The bowhunting results and the first figures of the shotgun deer season bear this out. I'm not saying "told you so," but in the past 60 years of running the woods, which seems silly to some people, I have observed similar situations.

Looking at the figures for the bow season, 1,164 deer were shot, way below the 1992 record of 1,570 animals.

The harvest by the Division of Fisheries and Game deer project leader was at least 10,000 this season. Opening day figures show that this prediction is way off. Only 1,570 deer were registered on opening day of the two-week shotgun season, way below predictions that ranged from 2,000 to 3,000. Usually, 20 percent of the total harvest is registered opening day.

In the Northeast District, 104 deer were shot; 190 in the Southeast. The Western District, with the highest kill in the state, 469 animals, attributed a fresh snow to its total.

The Valley District had 395 kill while Central recorded 390, with incomplete opening day totals.

A hunter took a 209-pound buck in Tolland and the largest buck shot to date is a 230-pound field dressed animal.

Mike Fila invited me to stay at his camp in Otis. We watched the rain pour down 'til 12:00 noon and decided that we were getting cabin fever. We prepared ourselves against the rain and lasted 'til dark without seeing a deer. Tuesday promised to be a better day. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I had to return home and didn't get to hunt 'til Saturday.

I met a very responsible group of good hunters; Frank Fila, Mike's father, John Breton and his father, Rolland (former Agawam residents), and we met Frank's brother, Edward, upon reaching our destination.

We did not fill our tags, but had a very enjoyable day. Noon dinner was out of this world. Mike and John started the stoves on the tailgate of Mike's truck and prepared hot and sweet deer sausage complemented with a cooked salad of peppers, onions, mushrooms, and garlic. On previous hunts with Stan Berchulski, Larry Fountain, Sherm Lowell, Joe Fedak, and others, the noon meal was kielbasa.

Mike brought along a very nice young man, Donnie Hannah. Mike has taken him under his wing and teaching him the basic of bowhunting and shotgun hunting. Don has come along fast and is a responsible hunter, a very well-mannered young man. It was a pleasure to hunt with him.

Kevin Manning called to report that he had a very successful hunt at Quabbin. He hunted the Petersham area and excitedly reported that he has never seen so many deer in the woods and probably never will again.

The deer population is very dense and the browsing deer are preventing young trees from maturing, injuring the watershed of the reservoir. When the first hunt was organized, anti hunters tried to enter the posted woods with deer heads on and robes of deer skins, protesting the hunt. They need to see the shrinks, not the hunters.

Getting back to Kevin, he said that 155 deer were killed the first day and the total was over 200 at the end of the second day. Kevin was part of the totals. He took a 110-pound doe the first day and a 139-pound, eight point buck the second day. He is planning on having the head mounted to hang in his living room.

In a future column, Kevin's becoming a hunter is a very interesting story and shows the feeling for your brother mankind by hunters who are portrayed by anti hunters as slob hunters walking around with bodacious hangovers.

### TRUE FANS - from Page 52...

But after being so bad for so long, they hired Bill Parcells. He was going to make us all forget Chuck Fairbanks, Ray Berry, and the rest of the pack. But the die-hard fans would have been there anyway. What happened? It's pretty simple.

Suddenly, season tickets were at a premium. They were gone. The fans who'd been behind the effort for so long were left to spin in the breeze. Foxboro, right now, has 49,000 season tickets in a 60,000 seat stadium.

Many of those season tickets going to a football game is fashionable. A year ago, they would not have had a clue.

#### It's Now UMass Mania

I'll end this journal on fair weather fans with this - it's called UMass MANIA. UMass used to be a big-time basketball doormat. They decided to jack up the program, and they did. They hired a top-notch coach who brought in blue chip talent.

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And I'll say it again to all those fair weather fans who think it's fashionable to attend games and take seats from the true fans - where will you be when it's no longer fashionable? Where will you be?

Hopefully, it will be far away from the legions of true fans out there. Because those folks will be still right there enjoying the game because they love it and not because it's the fashionable thing to do.

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## AHS Field Hockey Gathers For Annual Banquet



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' field hockey team gathered for their Annual Banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club on November 20th. IN PHOTO LEFT - 1994 captains Chris Bousquet and Katie LaBreck with Coach Cindy Grieve; IN PHOTO RIGHT - 1994 seniors Chris Bousquet, Katie LaBreck, Farah Lalli, Lauren Seymour, Lisa Sanos, Nicole Brittain, and Kris Michnovetz. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.**

## Agawam AA Piranhas Bow To Chicopee

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team lost to the Chicopee team, 402-340, on December 3rd at Chicopee Comprehensive High School. The results included:

### Girls 8 & under:

The team of Stephanie Depelteau, Julie Gorman, Caitlin Hurley, and Marissa Wynne placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Bethany Reid, first, and Katie Gorman, second in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Lauren Fox, Bethany Reid, Katie Gorman, and Tammy Gorman placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Lauren Fox, first in 25-yard freestyle; Angela Vinton, second, and Tammy Gorman, third in 25-yard butterfly; Katie Gorman, first, and Angela Vinton, third in 50-yard freestyle; Lauren Fox, second, and Tammy Gorman, third in 25-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, first, and Caitlin Hurley, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 8 & under:

The team of Shaun Bruso, Erik Deliefde, Adam Deliefde, and Joseph McGeoghan placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Ben Bruso, second in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Erik Deliefde, Ben Bruso, Jeffrey Lagasse, and Shaun Bruso placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Ben Bruso, second, and Shaun Bruso, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 25-yard butterfly; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Joseph McGeoghan, second in 50-yard freestyle; Erik Deliefde, first, and Joseph McGeoghan, second in 25-yard backstroke.

### Girls 9-10:

The team of Kara Gilhooly, Allison Morris, Kyleigh Egan, and Christina O'Brien placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Kyleigh Egan, first in 100-yard individual medley; Christina O'Brien, second, and Allison Morris, third in 50-yard freestyle; Kyleigh Egan, second in 50-yard butterfly; Christina O'Brien, first, and Kara Gilhooly, third in 100-yard freestyle; Kara Gilhooly, second in 50-yard backstroke; Allison Morris, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 9-10:

Paul Lagasse, second in 100-yard individual medley; Daniel Adamski, first in 50-yard freestyle; Thomas Gorman, second in 50-yard butterfly, and second in 100-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first in 50-yard backstroke; Paul Lagasse, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 11-12:

The team of Chrissy Climo, Kaitlin Morris, Lauren Piccin, and Lauren Kunkler placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Shannon Costa, second in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Rachel Morris, Jennifer Reid, Caitlin Weisgerber, and Shannon Costa placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Caitlin Weisgerber, first in 200-yard freestyle; Caitlin Weisgerber, first in 50-yard butterfly; Shannon Costa, second in 100-yard freestyle; Rachel

Morris, third in 50-yard backstroke; Jennifer Reid, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 11-12:

Thomas Graveline, third in 200-yard freestyle; Ryan Hanley, first in 50-yard freestyle; Ryan Hanley, first, and Thomas Graveline, second in 100-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, second in 50-yard backstroke, and first in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Kelli Kunkel, Alicyn Siano, Sarah Nacewicz, and Kimberly Sullivan placed second; and the team of Trina Bowler, Danielle Deforge, Gina LeClair, and Kelly Robinson placed third.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Katie Theroux, Danielle Deforge, Gina LeClair, and Trina Bowler placed first; and the team of

Katherine Chmura, Brenna McGinn, Jennifer McGuire, and Kelly Robinson placed third.

Kimberly Sullivan, first in 200-yard individual medley; Alicyn Siano, second, and Kelli Kunkel, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kelli Kunkel, second, and Gina LeClair, third in 50-yard freestyle; Alicyn Siano, second in 100-yard butterfly; Sarah Nacewicz, third in 100-yard freestyle; Kimberly Sullivan, second, and Katie Theroux, third in 100-yard backstroke; Danielle Deforge, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 15-18:

Tara Rivkin, first in 200-yard freestyle; Rachel Niemiec, first, and Natalie Piccin, third in 50-yard freestyle; Natalie Piccin, second in 100-yard freestyle; Rachel Niemiec, first in 100-yard backstroke.



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## Daggett Gymnasts At Regional Gym Meet

Twenty-three gymnasts from Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics competed on Sunday, December 4th at a local qualifying meet at Thompson's Gymnastics Center in South Hadley.

The Level 5 Gymnasts were Andrea Babbini, Paula Ballentine, Michelle Blanchard, Lissa Bramley, Karen Christofferson, Shannon DelGiudice, Devon Ehret, Rebekah Humphrey, Laura Janarelli, Emily Sharp, and Sara Tremblay.

The Level 5 gymnasts received achievement ribbons for each event in which they scored a 7.0 or higher. Laura Janarelli scored higher than 8.0 on each event and had the best all-around of 33.9 with her highest score of an 8.8 on beam. Shannon DelGiudice had an 8.8 on bars.

Bri Lancour, Noelle Marquez, and Katie Nelson competed in Level 6, eight-nine age group. Bri and Noelle tied for first in the all-around with a score of 33.0. Bri was first on bars, second on vault and floor, third on beam. Noelle was first on vault and floor and second on bars and beam. Katie was third in the all-arounds with a first place on beam and thirds on vault, bars, and floor.

Jennifer Abrams, Eric Gildersleeve, and Heather Gracewski competed in Level 6, 12-14 age group. Jennifer was first in the all-around with a score of 33.9, with firsts on bars, beam, and floor and a second on vault. Erica was second in the all-around with a first on vault, second on floor, and a fourth on bars. Heather was fourth in the all-around with a second on beam and a third on floor.

Lindsey Hadden, Brynne Kennedy, Kellie Niemczyk, Amy Reynolds, and Jaime Scott-Smith competed in their first optional meet at Level 8. Brynne and Jaime were in the eight-10 age group. Brynne was first in the all-around with a score of 32.1. She was first on vault, beam, and floor. Jaime was first on bars and second in the all-around. Amy was first in the all-around in the 11-12 age group. Lindsey competed in the 13-14 age group. She was second in the all-around with firsts on vault and beam. Kellie was second in the all-around in the 15 and older age group.

Michelle Germano, who was a member of the Massachusetts Level 9 team last season, competed in her first meet as a Level 10. Michelle was first in the all-around with a score of 32.05.

The girls' team at Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics is coached by Joe Saimer, Pat Rooney, Patty Donaldson, Tina Reis, and Marina Vernaya.

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## Debbie Poirier Tops Tri-Parish Bowlers

In Round Two of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl, Georgetown (10 wins) continues to lead the pack behind the torrid rolling of veteran Captain DEBBIE POIRIER.

The latest victim of G-Town's hard-rolling was third place St. Mary (8 wins). G-Town was led by MARSHA DOBIE (268), DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (312-311 over LARRY FORTIER), VI MASSOIA (276), and Captain DEBBIE POIRIER (350). Debbie really laid the wood to St. Mary Captain STEVE BONESTEEL (287). Debbie has watched her average balloon to 110.8, which is now the best in the entire league, men or women. This is a first for Debbie since reporting on this league began back in 1985.

Mr. Stitt for G-Town is second in Men's B at 96.1; Vi Massoia is fourth in Women's A at 90.0; and Marsha Dobie is second in the Mixed C at 85.8.

In the next match, seventh place Boston College (4 wins) faced sixth place Notre Dame (4 wins) as each team attempted to stay out of the cellar. BC winners were TINA FRAPPIER (276) and JIM MCCORMICK (319). The battle between the captains was a sad one as ND Captain JOHN LONCRINI defeated JOHN MLINEK, 290-254. Yuk. The other winner for ND was second roller DOT DREWAINY (284).

For BC, Tina Frappier leads the Women's B at 89.4 and McCormick is fourth in Men's AA at 103.22. Loncrini is first in Men's B at 98.11, while Mlinek watched his average sink in Men's A at 92.1. Dot Drewainy is fifth in Women's B at 86.29.

Fourth place Holy Cross (6½ wins) kept St. Anselm (3½ wins) in last place after their match. HC winners were FRANK CERPOVICZ (286) and Captain JOHN "Smiley" REILLY (325). "Smiley" Reilly soundly thrashed St. A's Captain LOU MULDER (294). Lou came into the night in second place in Men's AA but his average has fallen to 106.28. Reilly, meanwhile, is now third in Men's AA at 104.11.

The winners for St. A's were leadoff GUS FRAPPIER (266) and veteran roller VENETTA SNYDER (259). Gus is third in the Mixed C at 84.29. Frankie Cerpovicz is fourth in Men's A at 93.22.

In the final match of the night, fifth place St. Louis (4 wins) faced second place Fordham (8 wins). It wasn't exactly a banner night for either team. St. Lou winners were AUDREY PHILLIPS (228), TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (312), and anchorman JEAN BUONICONTI (298). The only winner for Fordham was second roller MARY THOMAS (275). Mary is second in Women's A at 91.18. "Not Tony" Curtis is the top dog in Men's A at 103.18. Fordham anchorman JIM SPEARS could only spin a lowly 273.

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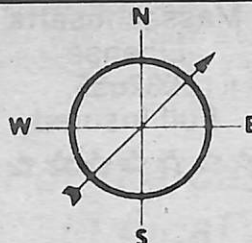
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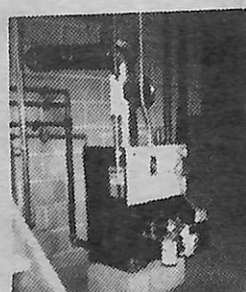
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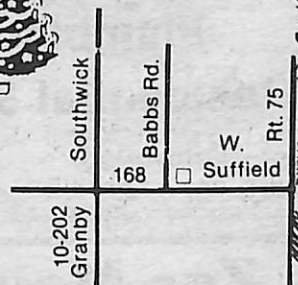
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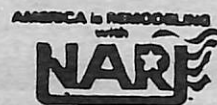
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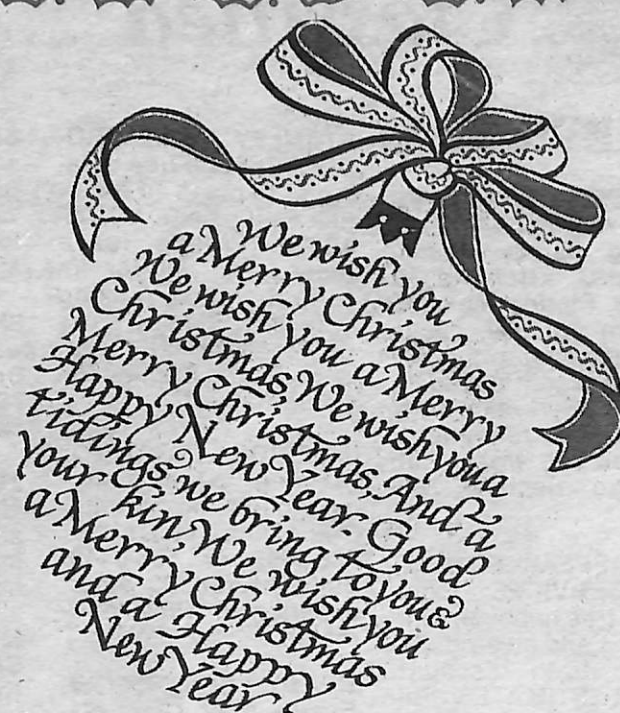
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